

*First***CHURCH**
First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, October 4, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

A Poem of Friendship
by Nikki Giovanni

*We are not lovers
because of the love
we make
but the love
we have*

*We are not friends
because of the laughs
we spend
but the tears
we save*

*I don't want to be near you
for the thoughts we share
but the words we never have
to speak*

*I will never miss you
because of what we do
but what we are
together*

PRELUDE

“Prepare the Way”

The Chancel Choir; Gerald Holbrook, Director

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THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Rosalee Blake

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of your God, for God will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or male or female servant, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

A JOYFUL TESTIMONY

THE PEACE

LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH The Resch Family

SERMON *Together for Joy: Is Joy Commanded?* Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “This Little Light of Mine/Glory, Glory Hallelujah”
Wende Harston vocals; Hank Troy, piano

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

For those who lives are wilderness...

Those who are hungry and thirsty....

Those who feel all alone...

Those who are prevented from being the people God made them to be...

**FOR THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED IS MADE THE
CORNERSTONE.**

*(Sung) Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.*

For those whose own will not receive them...

Those who are not listened to....

Those who are under constant threat...

**FOR THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED IS MADE THE
CORNERSTONE.**

*(Sung) Come and pray with me on a gentle sea,
on top of a hill in the Galilee,
in gardens like Gethsemane.
Come away with me. Come away.*

For those whose calling is denied...

Those who cannot speak their name...

Those whose gifts are not recognized and affirmed

**FOR THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED IS MADE THE
CORNERSTONE.**

(Sung) Come today with thoughts of the countless ways

*that God's steadfast love blesses all our days,
and join with me in silent praise.
Come away with me. Come away.*

**For those who are judged and condemned
Those who are blinded by their own self-righteousness
For ourselves
FOR THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED IS MADE THE
CORNERSTONE.**

*(Sung) Come and say, in words whispered from your soul,
the feelings and actions you can't control.
Your spirit needs to be made whole.
Come away with me. Come away.*

O Christ you lived as an ordinary person
not in style but simply,
yet you still causes and uproar, and questions everywhere,
you drew the expectations of hungry crowds,
and brought buried conflicts to the light.
May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval,
and who often avoid conflict
for fear of its cost to us,
stand firm in the gospel
and follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity
with those who are poor with those who are excluded,
wherever it may lead us.

*(Sung) Come away with me to a quiet place,
to God's loving arms waiting to embrace
all those who come in hope of grace.
Come away with me. Come away.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Moffitt

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE “Dona Nobis Pacem” Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
The Chancel Choir; Gerald Holbook, Director

***This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let’s remember to offer peace to one another.***

**THANK YOU to all who contributed
their time and talents to today’s service:**

Rosalee Blake
Kirsten Carpenter and Jordan Ortman
Wende Harston
The Resch Family
Hank Troy
The Chancel Choir and their Director, Gerald Holbrook

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5291240473>

Join Us for Our Service on October 11, 2020

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and on Facebook

Speaker: Michael Mather

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars: Memorial Service for Ed Zeigler

We will gather online to celebrate the life of our beloved Ed Zeigler on Saturday, October 10, at 11:00 am. A special email will be sent out next week with the information you’ll need to join us for this online memorial service.

The October Special Offering is for the Mar Elias Educational Institution in Northern Israel, near Galilee. This is a very special school because it educates in the ways of peace, reconciliation, respect, and justice. Their belief is that peace and justice begins with the young, and education is key to a non-violent just world. Currently there are over 3,000 children enrolled from all over Galilee, and many rely on scholarships. Your gift will provide much needed assistance for students at MEEI who currently are very challenged due to COVID-19. English teacher Emil Halloun told FUMC member Brenda Mehos recently that our support really makes a difference and gives them hope during these trying times. For more information on MEEI, visit Pilgrims of Ibillin's website, www.pilgrimsfibillin.org, and watch the engaging 3-minute video about the school, or email Brenda Mehos: bmehos@comcast.net.

To contribute: please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "October special offering" in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church at 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. If you'd prefer to give online through our website, click on the green "Give" tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, choose the "Electronic Donations" tab, click the "Donate Now" button, and type in the amount you'd like to give on the line for "October Mission Offering." Thank you for your generous support of our ministry and mission!

Giving to FUMC During the Pandemic

Just a reminder that FUMC can still receive your offering gifts to support God's work in the world. Mail is still being checked several times each week in the church office, so you can mail checks, made payable to First United Methodist Church, to 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. You can also give online via our website: <https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.