

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2020

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**WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

“Joy”

by Lisel Mueller

*“Don’t cry, its only music,”  
someone’s voice is saying.*

*“No one you love is dying.”*

*It’s only music. And it was only spring,  
the world’s unreasoning body  
run amok, like a saint’s, with glory,  
that overwhelmed a young girl  
into unreasoning sadness.*

*“Crazy,” she told herself,  
“I should be dancing with happiness.”*

*But it happened again. It happens  
when we make bottomless love—  
there follows a bottomless sadness  
which is not despair  
but its nameless opposite.  
It has nothing to do with the passing of time.  
It’s not about loss. It’s about  
two seemingly parallel lines  
suddenly coming together  
inside us, in some place  
that is still wilderness.*

*Joy, joy, the sopranos sing,  
reaching for the shimmering notes  
while our eyes fill with tears.*

**PRELUDE**      “O Spirit Come”      Gerald W. Holbrook©2018  
The Chancel Choir; Gerald Holbrook, Director

**THE CALL**      Rev. Michael Mather

**A JOYFUL TESTIMONY**

**THE PEACE**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**      Sharon Collinge

Matthew 22:1-14

*Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:*

*"The realm of heaven may be compared to a ruler who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.*

*Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'*

*But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.*

*The ruler was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.*

*Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.*

*Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'*

*Those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

*"But when the ruler came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.*

*Then the ruler said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

*For many are called, but few are chosen."*

## **LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH**

**SERMON**      *Together for Joy: Hospitality is Hard*      Rev. Michael Mather

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      "In His Care-o"      William Dawson (1899-1990)  
2017 CU Summer Lab Choir  
Craig L. Robertson, conductor

## **TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

### **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**

"Land of Rest"  
Jordan Ortman, piano

Traditional American Melody,  
Arr. Joseph Martin

***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:

The Chancel Choir

Ruth Irvin

Joan Manly

Jordan Ortman

Sharon Collinge

Jennie Elliott

Gerald Holbrook

Kirsten Ortman

John Moffitt

***After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!***

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

**Join Us for Our Service on October 18, 2020**

10:30 am MDT on the church website and on Facebook

Speaker: Michael Mather

**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](http://www.pilgrimsfibillin.org), and watch the engaging 3-minute video about the school, or email Brenda Mehos: [bmehos@comcast.net](mailto:bmehos@comcast.net).

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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**

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