

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, October 25, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Speaking Tree”
Joy Harjo (1951)

I had a beautiful dream I was dancing with a tree.

~ Sandra Cisneros

Some things on this earth are unspeakable:
Genealogy of the broken—
A shy wind threading leaves after a massacre,
Or the smell of coffee and no one there—
Some humans say trees are not sentient beings,
But they do not understand poetry—
Nor can they hear the singing of trees when they are fed by
Wind, or water music—
Or hear their cries of anguish when they are broken and bereft—
Now I am a woman longing to be a tree, planted in a moist, dark earth
Between sunrise and sunset—
I cannot walk through all realms—
I carry a yearning I cannot bear alone in the dark—
What shall I do with all this heartache?
The deepest-rooted dream of a tree is to walk
Even just a little ways, from the place next to the doorway—
To the edge of the river of life, and drink—
I have heard trees talking, long after the sun has gone down:
*Imagine what would it be like to dance close together
In this land of water and knowledge. . .
To drink deep what is undrinkable.*

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

Mike Mather

BENEDICTION

Stephanie Moffitt

POSTLUDE

“Toccata and Fugue in D”
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Josef Seger (1716-1782)

***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:

Kim and Drew Cattau

Lisa Dilling

Tessa Espinosa

Tere Garcia

Kyle Griffin

Gerald Holbrook

Jordan Ortman

The flowers beautifying our service today were given by **Helga Schroeder**
“in loving appreciation of my family and church community!”

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us for Our Service on November 1, 2020

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and 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, 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.