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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2020

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“All the Time”
by William Stafford

Evenings, after others go inside,
my glance quietly ascends through leaves,
through ranches. The night wind sighs once
and bends over. Far beyond my glimpse of sky
those friends now gone begin their chorus.

There’s a reason for whatever comes,
their song says. Released into light one star
appears, another, and those patterns affirm
where they have been waiting dissolved in blue
but holding their place inside of time.

Every evening this happens, an arch and promise
renewed. Nobody has to notice: a breath
crosses the lawn, or outside the window
a spirit roams, as mysterious as any wanderer
ever was. And it is only the night wind.

PRELUDE

“This is My Father’s World”
Jordan Ortman, piano

Heather Sorenson

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

Jason Lee

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Julia Krause

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the realm of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERMON

A World on Fire

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning”
Performed by Vickie Daniel and her band*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Mather

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

Heidi Lewis

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in E Flat” Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)
Dr. Gerald Holbrook, organ

***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:

Vickie Daniel and her band
Gerald Holbrook
Julia Krause
Jason Lee
Heidi Lewis
Jordan Ortman
Glenna Briant

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us for Our Service on November 15, 2020

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

This Week's Flowers were given by Judy Abbott Barton in memory of her mother, Edith Raye Abbott (1916-1980).

November Special Offering Benefits Native American Ministries Sunday

Did you know we are living on the ancestral lands of Southern Arapaho, Ute, and Cheyenne Native Americans? November's special offering will support the Native American Ministries Sunday, which you can contribute to throughout November. This offering funds scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthens and develops Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports Native American outreach at the annual conference level. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "November 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, click the "Donate Now" button, and type in the amount you'd like to give on the line for "November Mission Offering." Thank you for your generous support of this special offering.

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.