

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

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*10:30 am Worship*

*Sunday, November 15, 2020*

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**WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

“To Be Held”

By Linda Hogan

To be held  
by the light  
was what I wanted,  
to be a tree drinking the rain,  
no longer parched in this hot land.  
To be roots in a tunnel growing  
but also to be sheltering the inborn leaves  
and the green slide of mineral  
down the immense distances  
into infinite comfort  
and the land here, only clay,  
still contains and consumes  
the thirsty need  
the way a tree always shelters the unborn life  
waiting for the healing  
after the storm  
which has been our life.

**PRELUDE**

Variations on “How Firm a Foundation”  
Jordan Ortman, piano

C. Arthur

**THE CALL**

Rev. Michael Mather

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

John Moffitt

Matthew 25:14-30

*"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.*

*The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.*

*In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.*

*But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.*

*After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.*

*Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

*And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

*Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'*

*But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.*

*For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be*

*taken away. As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

**LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH** Denise Chamberlain

**SERMON** *Choose Your Conspiracy (Part 1) - Breathing With*  
Rev. Michael Mather

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "This Little Light of Mine" Arr. by Pete Lewis  
Robert Johnson, vocals  
Clare Church, drums  
Jason Malmberg, bass  
Victor Mestas, piano  
Pete Lewis, sax

**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** "Voluntary in F" William Hine (1694-1705)  
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:

Denise Chamberlain  
Clare Church  
Gerald Holbrook  
Robert Johnson  
Pete Lewis  
Jason Malmberg  
Victor Mestas  
John Moffitt  
Jordan Ortman

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

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

**Join Us for Our Service on November 22, 2020**

10:30 am MST on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

### **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://funcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.