

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Advent 1: Hope

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Hope’ is the thing with feathers”

By Emily Dickinson

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chillest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

PRELUDE *(Please join us at 10:15 for curated Advent prelude selections)*

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather, Barb Olson,
Tenzenlo Thong, Malmberg family

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Malmberg family

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH Sarah Annecone

SERMON *Hope: Invited Into the Wilderness* Rev. Michael Mather

PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS Rev. Michael Mather

ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephanie Moffitt

BENEDICTION

*Pastor: You are invited...
Raise your voices and repeat after me...
"do not be afraid!"*

**"do not be afraid!"
Amen!**

POSTLUDE "The Wexford Carol"
Jordan Ortman, piano

***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:

Sarah Annecone
Clare Church
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Victor Mestas
The Malmberg family
Barb Olson
Jordan Ortman
Tezenlo Thong
Alex King

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us for Our Service on December 6, 2020

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

The lovely poinsettias that are beautifying our sanctuary during Advent were given by Fran and Rich Saxon in memory of the many friends who have passed away during this last year.

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.