

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, January 10, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Mornings at Blackwater”

by Mary Oliver

For years, every morning, I drank
from Blackwater Pond.

It was flavored with oak leaves and also, no doubt,
the feet of ducks.

And always it assuaged me
from the dry bowl of the very far past.

What I want to say is
that the past is the past,
and the present is what your life is,
and you are capable
of choosing what that will be,
darling citizen.

So come to the pond,
or the river of your imagination,
or the harbor of your longing,

and put your lips to the world.
And live
your life.

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“Mornings at Blackwater”
Read by Jean Hodges

Mary Oliver (1935-2019)

THE CALL

“Wade in the Water” Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Pete Lewis
Robert Johnson, vocals
Victor Mestas, piano
Jason Malmberg, bass
Clare Church, drums
Pete Lewis, saxophone

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jeanette McNeill

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MOMENTS OF WITNESS Linda Fong, Katie Warren, & Lenna Kottke

HYMN “Deep and Wide”
Heidi Fortna, vocals; Jordan Ortman, piano

SERMON *You Are the Light of the World: We Are One*
Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “As I Went Down to the River to Pray” Traditional
Tessa Espinosa, soprano
Kyle Griffin, tenor

PRAYER Rev. Michael Mather

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River”
Jordan Ortman, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephanie Moffitt

BENEDICTION Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE “As with Gladness Men of Old” Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)
Jordan Ortman, 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:

Clare Church
Larry Davis
Tessa Espinosa
Linda Fong
Heidi Fortna
Kyle Griffin
Jean Hodges

Robert Johnson
Lenna Kottke
Pete Lewis
Jason Malmberg
Jeanette McNeill
Victor Mestas
Jordan Ortman
Fred Smith
Katie Warren

The Flowers on the altar this morning were given in celebration of Pastor Mike's birthday (which is today!), and with appreciation for the way he is shepherding our FUMC flock into 2021.

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, January 17, 2021

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

January Special Offering benefits Human Relations Sunday

The January special offering will support Human Relations Sunday, one of the denomination-wide special offerings that we participate in each year. Human Relations Day is observed on the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which this year is Monday, January 18, but you can contribute to this special offering throughout the month of January. Your gift strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "January 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 "January 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.