

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, January 17, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Still I Rise”

Maya Angelou (1928-2014)

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE "We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)"
Jordan Ortman, organ Arr. Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1971)

THE CALL "Still I Rise" Maya Angelou

MOMENTS OF WITNESS Les Brighton, Rosalee Blake

HYMN "Take My Hand Precious Lord" Tommy Dorsey (1899-1993)
Courtney Caston, soprano
Jordan Ortman, piano

MOMENTS OF WITNESS

Jean Dinwiddie, William Arndt

READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 139:1-6

Readers: Ruth Irvin, Glenna Briant, C.J. Riggins

“You Have Searched Me”
Jordan Ortman, piano

David Haas (b. 1957)
Arr. Paul Tate (b. 1968)

MOMENTS OF WITNESS

C.J. Riggins

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Barb Olson

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Human One."

SERMON

*You Are the Light of the World:
Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?*

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “We Shall Overcome” Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933)

Courtney Caston, soprano
Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER

Rev. Michael Mather

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Arr. M. Roger Holland II
American Heritage Chorale, University of Denver
M. Roger Holland II, Director
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:

Members of the American Heritage Chorale

William Arndt
Rosalee Blake
Glenna Briant
Les Brighton
Courtney Caston
Jean Dinwiddie
M. Roger Holland II
Ruth Irvin
Barb Olson
Jordan Ortman
C.J. Riggins

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, January 24, 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 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.