

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

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, January 24, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“The Hill We Climb” by Amanda Gorman

“...In this truth,
in this faith we trust.
For while we have our eyes on the future,
history has its eyes on us.
This is the era of just redemption
we feared at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter.
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So while once we asked,
how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Now we assert,
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?

We will not march back to what was,
but move to what shall be.
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free.
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation,

because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain,
If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy,
and change our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with.
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west.
We will rise from the windswept northeast,
where our forefathers first realized revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states.
We will rise from the sunbaked south.
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover.
And every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful.
When day comes we step out of the shade,
afire and unafraid,
the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.”

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“Shepherd’s Medley”
Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Paul Tate (b. 1968)

THE CALL

Excerpt from “The Hill We Climb” Amanda Gorman (b. 1998)

HYMN “Two Fishermen” *The Faith We Sing* #2101
Arabelle Moffit, vocals Words and Music by
John Moffitt, guitar and vocals Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927)
Jordan Ortman, piano

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Joan Manly

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the realm of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

MOMENTS OF WITNESS

Lexi Fortna, Kathy Licht, Jeanette McNeill,
Beth & Mark Romero

SERMON *You Are the Light of the World: Who Are You Following?*

Rev. Michael Mather

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)

HYMN “Come and See”
Kirsten Carpenter-Ortman, soprano

The Faith We Sing #2127
Words and Music by
Marilyn Houser Hamm (b. 1951)

PRAYER

Michael Mather

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “He Leadeth Me” Arr. Virginia Carrington Thomas (1897-1978)
Jordan Ortman, organ

***This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let’s remember to offer peace to one another.***

WELCOME to Our New Members!

Bridget Fortna
Heidi Fortna
Henry Fortna
Lexi Fortna
Kathy Licht
Jeanette McNeill
Beth Romero
Grace Romero
Lucy Romero
Mark Romero

THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talents to today’s service:

Cheryl Bort
Kirsten Carpenter-Ortman
Lexi Fortna
Ruth Irvin
Heidi Lewis
Kathy Licht
The Livingston Family
Joan Manly
Jeanette McNeill
Arabelle Moffitt
John Moffitt
Jordan Ortman
Beth and Mark Romero

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Today's Flowers were given by Glenna Briant in loving memory of her neighbor and friend, Dave Hight, who died on January 18.

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

Review, Reflect, Celebrate Next Sunday, Jan 31, after Church

Plan to attend Part 2 of our annual charge conference on Sunday, January 31st, on Zoom during the Coffee Hour time following online worship. This will be a time to share the story of the past year and look ahead to all the good things coming in 2021.

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