

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

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10:30 am Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“I look at the world”

By Langston Hughes

I look at the world
From awakening eyes in a black face—
And this is what I see:
This fenced-off narrow space
Assigned to me.

I look then at the silly walls
Through dark eyes in a dark face—
And this is what I know:
That all these walls oppression builds
Will have to go!

I look at my own body
With eyes no longer blind—
And I see that my own hands can make
The world that's in my mind.
Then let us hurry, comrades,
The road to find.

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

INVITATION & PRELUDE “Going Home” Arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)
Jordan Ortman, piano

THRESHOLD Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” UMH #269
Kirsten Carpenter Ortman, soprano
Jordan Ortman, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Les Brighton

Mark 1:9-15

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."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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."

LITURGY OF WONDER Spencer Mickelberry

SERMON *From There to Here: Looking at the Stars* Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN “Creator of the Stars of Night” UMH #692, vs. 1

PRAYER Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN “Creator of the Stars of Night” UMH #692, vs. 2

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Wayfaring Stranger”

American folk tune

Pete Lewis, saxophone and arrangement

Clare Church, drums

Jason Malmberg, bass

Victor Mestas, piano

Gary Bragg, vocals

***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:

Gary Bragg

Les Brighton

Kirsten Carpenter Ortman

Clare Church

Pete Lewis

Jason Malmberg

Victor Mestas

Spencer Mickelberry

Jordan Ortman

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, February 28, 2021

10:30 am MDT on Our Website, Facebook page, or Vimeo channel

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

February is Black History Month.



Sojourner Truth **(1797-1883)**

Sojourner Truth was an African American evangelist, abolitionist, women's rights activist and author who lived a miserable life as a slave, serving several masters throughout New York before escaping to freedom in 1826. After gaining her freedom, Truth became a Christian and, at what she believed was God's urging, preached about abolitionism and equal rights for all, highlighted in her stirring "Ain't I a Woman?" speech, delivered at a women's convention in Ohio in 1851. She continued her crusade for the rest of her life, earning an audience with President Abraham Lincoln and becoming one of the world's best-known human rights crusaders.

February Special Offering benefits Heartfelt Café

The February special offering will support our church's Heartfelt Café, the third-Sunday-of-the-month soup kitchen. Heartfelt Café has adapted to continue serving during the pandemic. The Café, with your help, has also provided socks, hats and gloves to our guests, and is exploring new services such as a pop-up medical clinic. Your financial support is vital to this ministry of compassion and connection. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "February 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 “February 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.