

First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Frederick Douglass”

by Robert Hayden

When it is finally ours, this freedom, this liberty, this beautiful
and terrible thing, needful to man as air,
usable as earth; when it belongs at last to all,
when it is truly instinct, brain matter, diastole, systole,
reflex action; when it is finally won; when it is more
than the gaudy mumbo jumbo of politicians:
this man, this Douglass, this former slave, this Negro
beaten to his knees, exiled, visioning a world
where none is lonely, none hunted, alien,
this man, superb in love and logic, this man
shall be remembered. Oh, not with statues' rhetoric,
not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone,
but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives
fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing.

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision” Arr. Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

FUMC “Distant Bells” Bell Choir

Ellen Headrick, Jennie Elliott, Barbara Olson,

Sue Brighton, Carlisle Momberger, Evanne Browne

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”
Jordan Ortman, piano

UMH #451, Arr. Brain Chung

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Margi Resch

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Human One must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Human One will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of God with the holy angels.

LITURGY OF WONDERING

Jean Hodges, Rosalee Blake,
Linda Fong, Margi Resch

SERMON

From There to Here: The Gift of Failure

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “Would I Have Answered When You Called?” #2137 TFWS
Traditional English melody, Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Tessa Espinosa, soprano
Kyle Griffin, tenor
Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS #2129
Kirsten Carpenter, soprano
Jordan Ortman, piano

BENEDICTION Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
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:

Rosalee Blake	Ellen Headrick
Sue Brighton	Jean Hodges
Evanne Browne	Carlisle Momberger
Kirsten Carpenter	Barbara Olson
Jennie Elliott	Jordan Ortman
Tessa Espinosa	Margi Resch
Linda Fong	Richard Saxon
Kyle Griffin	

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, March 7, 2021
10:30 am MDT as we celebrate our history as a Reconciling Congregation, on
Our Website, Our Facebook page, and Our Vimeo channel.

February is Black History Month.

Sarah Gammon Brown Bickford

(c. 1852 – July 19, 1931)

“Montana’s First Career Woman”

Bickford was born enslaved in North Carolina. Following the Civil War, she was offered the job of nanny for a judge in Knoxville who was appointed to a judicial post in Montana. She arrived in Montana in 1871.

She married a successful gold miner. Historical lore has stated that her husband died. But recent research shows that he did not die, but rather was abusive, and so she filed for divorce. This was highly unusual in that era. She won the divorce and custody of her child.

In 1883, she married Stephen Bickford, a white farmer and miner who had moved to Montana from Maine. The two became quite well-off; she ran a bakery and boarding house, and her husband, in 1888, bought two-thirds share of the Virginia City Water company. She began working as the bookkeeper of the company, which she

later inherited in 1890 when he died. She also inherited a small farm, Virginia City town lots, various interests in nearby gold mining claims, and one share of stock in the Southern Montana Telegraph and Electric Company. She took greater control of the water company, managing all company matters.

In a desire to become a better businesswoman, she enrolled in a correspondence school, studying business management. In 1917, she purchased the other third of the Water Company and became the sole owner. This made her the only Black woman in the US to own a utility company. She continued to run the company until her heart attack in 1931.



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 that serves a free lunch to anyone in need of a meal. Heartfelt Café has adapted to continue serving during the pandemic; they offer to-go bag lunches for guests. But the Heartfelt crew looks forward to resuming hot meals and in-person dining for guests when it is safe to do so. 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.