

# First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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**10:30 am Worship**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

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## **WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

“A Prayer for Boldness”

Righteous God, I feel you nudging me, no, pushing me to stand up for justice in this world. I know you call me to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. This feeling is overwhelming.

I want to do what is right. I want to do what is needed. I want to follow your lead.

So I pray for boldness. Give me not only the strength to speak and the words to say but the spirit of power so that I might deliver your message in a way that changes things, changes the world.

Help me be bold. Take the quiver from my voice and the tremors from my hands.

Help me be bold. Pour into my heart a feeling of peace.

Help me be bold. As I take a deep breath to do what is right, help me be bold. Amen.

~ Rev. Sarah A. Slack

**WELCOME**

Katie Warren and Di Beeman

**PRELUDE**

Video: *Love Has No Labels*

**INVITATION**

Katie Warren and Di Beeman

**OPENING PRAYER**      “A Prayer for Boldness”      Rev. Sarah A. Slack  
Destiny Bort, Rowan Cattau, Eleanor Malmberg, Jake Lewis

**A RECONCILING HISTORY**      Katie Warren and Di Beeman

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**      William Arndt

**John 2:13-25**

**13** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” **18** The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” **19** Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20** The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**23** When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      “I Am Willing”      Words & Music by Holly Near (b.1949)  
Resonance Women’s Chorus  
Sue Coffee, Artistic Director

**INTERVIEWS**      Jean Hodges, Rev. Mark Heiss, Sandi Zeigler,  
Rich Irvin, Ruth Irvin, & Ann Noonan

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      “We Shall Be Known”      MaMuse (Sarah Nutting and  
Sound Circle      Karisha Longaker)  
Sue Coffee, Artistic Director



**Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, March 14, 2021**  
**10:30 am MDT** on our Website, our Facebook page, or our Vimeo channel  
Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

### **March Special Offering benefits UMCOR Sunday**

UMCOR Sunday is one of the denomination-wide special offerings that First Church takes part in each year. Though the official date is Sunday, March 14, you can contribute to UMCOR Sunday throughout the month of March. Your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly called One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need, around the world. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "March 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 "March 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.