

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

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10:30 am Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Moses”

by Lucille Clifton

i walk on bones
snakes twisting
in my hand
locusts breaking my mouth
an old man
leaving slavery
home is burning in me
like a bush
God got his eye on

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“Calvary (I want Jesus to walk with me)”

Jordan Ortman, organ

Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

“Kyrie Eleison”

TFWS #2275

TUNE: Theme from Symphony No. 9 “From the New World”

Antonín Leopold Dvořák (1841-1904)

Kirsten Carpenter, soprano

Jordan Ortman, piano

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Heidi Lewis

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved the night rather than light because their deeds were evil.

For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

LITURGY OF WONDERING

Homer Knearl, Josie Meyer, Heidi Lewis

SPECIAL MUSIC Theme from Symphony No. 9 “From the New World”

Antonín Leopold Dvořák (1841-1904)

Brune Macary, violin

Jordan Ortman, piano

SERMON *From There to Here: A Little in Front of Us* Rev. Michael Mather

PRAYER Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “God So Loved the World” John Stainer (1840-1901)
Paul Stuber, tenor Arr. Pam Turner
Jordan Ortman, piano

BENEDICTION Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE “Go Down, Moses” Traditional African-American Spiritual
Joe Sanford, vocals
Pete Lewis, clarinet
Jason Malmberg, bass
Clare Church, drums
Jeff Jenkins, 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:

Kirsten Carpenter	Clare Church
Jeff Jenkins	Homer Knearl
Heidi Lewis	Pete Lewis
Jason Malmberg	Brune Macary
Josie Meyer	Jordan Ortman
Joe Sanford	Paul Stuber

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by Ruth & Rich Irvin in celebration of Margo’s birthday on March 15th.

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, March 21, 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.