

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

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10:30 am Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“i am not done yet” by Lucille Clifton (1936-2010)

as possible as yeast
as imminent as bread
a collection of safe habits
a collection of cares
less certain than i seem
more certain than i was
a changed changer
i continue to continue
where i have been
most of my lives is
where i'm going

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Melody by Carl G. Glaser
Jordan Ortman, organ Verse Two by Richard Unfreid
Verse Three by Charles H. Webb

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN "O God, How We Have Wandered" (Passion Chorale) UMH # 286
Tessa Espinosa, soprano Text by Kevin Nichols
Jordan Ortman, organ

O God, how we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear and shame,
As distant but compelling, you call us each by name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
By faith we are returning with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us, and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O God of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon and in peace.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jeanette McNeill

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Human One to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, God will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--'God, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. God, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

LITURGY OF WONDERING Becca Tice, Jacob Laubacher, Jeanette McNeill

SERMON *From There to Here: An Inescapable Network of Mutuality*
Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN "Take Up Thy Cross" UMH #415
Tessa Espinosa, soprano

PRAYER Darren De Reuck

BENEDICTION Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE "Come On Up to the House" Music by Tom Waits
Pete Lewis, saxophone
Jason Malmberg, bass and vocals
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:

Clare Church
Darren De Reuck
Tessa Espinosa
Jeff Jenkins
Jacob Laubacher
Pete Lewis
Jason Malmberg
Jeanette McNeill
Jordan Ortman
Becca Tice

And special thanks to the Worship Weaver,
our Pastor of Spiritual Imagineering, Stephanie Moffitt.

The Flowers on the altar this morning were given by Ginny Wells
“in celebration of family and friends.”

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, March 28, 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

(March Special Offering continued)

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.