

First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

April 11, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Easter Morning”

Jim Harrison (1937-2016)

On Easter morning all over America
the peasants are frying potatoes in bacon grease.

We're not supposed to have “peasants”
but there are tens of millions of them
frying potatoes on Easter morning,
cheap and delicious with catsup.

If Jesus were here this morning he might
be eating fried potatoes with my friend
who has a '51 Dodge and a '72 Pontiac.

When his kids ask why they don't have
a new car he says, “these cars were new once
and now they are experienced.”

He can fix anything and when rich folks
call to get a toilet repaired he pauses
extra hours so that they can further
learn what we're made of.

I told him that in Mexico the poor say
that when there's lightning the rich
think that God is taking their picture.
He laughed.

Like peasants everywhere in the history
of the world ours can't figure out why
they're getting poorer. Their sons join
the army to get work being shot at.

Your ideals are invisible clouds
so try not to suffocate the poor,
the peasants, with your sympathies.
They know that you're staring at them.

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

"Be Not Afraid"
Kyle Griffin, tenor
Jordan Ortman, piano

Bob Dufford, Arr. Jack Schrader

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

UMH #420

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Josie Meyer

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

LITURGY OF WONDERING

Katie Warren, Cheryl Bort

HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH #467

SERMON

Practice Resurrection: Is Jesus a NFT?

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight"

TFWS #2196

Adapted by Jordan Ortman

Kirsten Carpenter-Ortman, soprano

Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER

with "Spirit Song"

UMH #347, prayer written by Lisa Carr.

Stephanie Moffitt

God, Thank you for your presence in the disruptions, and in our losses and grief. And also in our joy. Thank you for your gift of resurrection. May we choose it. Help us to practice it. Help us learn how to create out of pain - to transform wounds and grief into something new and life-giving for all creation. Help us "develop new practices that will lead to new places" within and without. Amen.

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

The Flowers on the altar this morning were given by Ruth and Rich Irvin
in memory of Ruth's parents, Myron and Audrey Kromminga,
both of whom were born 100 years ago this month.

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, April 18, 2021

10:30 am MDT on our Website, our Facebook page, or our Vimeo channel
Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

April Special Offering benefits Intergenerational/Youth Missions

The April special offering will benefit youth and intergenerational missions. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "April 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 "April 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.