

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

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10:30 am Worship

April 18, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“The Place Where We Are Right”

Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000)

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.

The place where we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.

But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Jordan Ortman, organ

Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN "O Christ, Your Friends Were Gathered"

Words by
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Kim Cattau

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

LITURGY OF WONDERING

Kristin Ladd, Di Beeman, Karen Sandvold

SERMON

Practice Resurrection: Walk Together

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

Craig Courtney

Tessa Espinosa, soprano

Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER with “Spirit Song” UMH #347

Lord’s Prayer Version

Our Mother,
That inhabits the earth and waters the floors
And colors the skies
Blessed are the names with which we call you
And blessed are the fruits you provide us

May justice come to your sons and daughters
And may there be fullness together with a dignified and good life
May your riches be shared with equity
So that there is no lack of bread, rice, yams, potatoes, milk or wine
On any table or on any street

Forgive us the abuse
And the agrochemicals and the immoral failing
The waters that we poison
The contaminated air

Lead us not into the perverse temptation
Of greed and lust
Of the pride of power
And the arrogance of wealth

Because yours is the memory of the loving creator
And the present of the struggle for abundance
And the future of all hope

(from *Liturgies from Below*)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Assurance”
Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Brian Chung

***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:

Di Beeman
Kim Cattau
Tessa Espinosa
Kristin Ladd
Jordan Ortman
Karen Sandvold

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

The Flowers on the altar this morning were given by Helga Schroeder
in loving memory of our dear departed souls over the last few months.

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, April 25, 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. Our Youth Group (part of the Intergenerational Mission Group) has had limited fundraising opportunities during the pandemic, and your special offering giving will help to keep their future mission efforts alive. A few local community service projects have been planned for the coming months: helping to rebuild from the Cal-Wood fire, helping with church/Mountain Haven projects, and participating in BUMMP (Boulder United Methodist Mission Partners) organized mission work for this summer. As in past years, we're still sponsoring a Guatemalan youth to support her educational goals, and your extra giving also contributes to this effort. Once we're all

back to in-person worship, our youth group will plan a special celebratory breakfast for us to all share together! **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://funcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.