

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

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10:30 am Worship

April 25, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Primary Wonder

Denise Levertov (1923-1997)

Days pass when I forget the mystery.
Problems insoluble and problems offering
their own ignored solutions
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing
their colored clothes; cap and bells.

And then

once more the quiet mystery
is present to me, the throng's clamor
recedes: the mystery
that there is anything, anything at all,
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,
rather than void: and that, O Lord,
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,
hour by hour sustain it.

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE “*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, with Shepherd Me, O God*”

Jordan Ortman, piano

Paul Tate

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jean Hodges

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as God knows me and I know God. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason God loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from God."

LITURGY OF WONDERING

Bob Carr, Lisa Dixon, Helga Schroeder

SERMON

Practice Resurrection: I Am Not God

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hold On!”

African American Spiritual

Arr. M. Roger Holland

M. Roger Holland, conductor

Dana Portnoy, soprano

Oliver Zavala, bass-baritone

Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER

Stephanie Moffitt

LORD’S PRAYER

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, Yet free us from not being in the Present. From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

(Retranslation from the Aramaic)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
Jordan Ortman, organ

Barbara Harbach

***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:

Bob Carr	Barb Middleton
Lisa Dixon	Jordan Ortman
Jean Hodges	Dana Portnoy
M. Roger Holland	Helga Schroeder
Jason Malmberg	Oliver Zavala

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

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, May 2, 2021
10:30 am MDT on our Website, our Facebook page, or our Vimeo channel
Speaker: Stephanie Moffitt

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://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.