

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

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10:30 am Worship

May 2, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Aware”

Denise Levertov (1923-1997)

When I found the door
I found the vine leaves
speaking among themselves in abundant
whispers.
My presence made them
hush their green breath,
embarrassed, the way
humans stand up, buttoning their jackets,
acting as if they were leaving anyway, as if
the conversation had ended
just before you arrived.
I liked
the glimpse I had, though,
of their obscure
gestures. I liked the sound
of such private voices. Next time
I'll move like cautious sunlight, open
the door by fractions, eavesdrop
peacefully.

THE CALL

Stephanie Moffitt

PRELUDE

“I Am The Vine”
Kirsten Carpenter, soprano
Jordan Ortman, piano

Allen Pote

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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THE SCRIPTURE READING

Sue Brighton

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and God is the vineyard keeper. 2 God removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. 3 You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. 6 If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8 My God is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.”

LITURGY OF WONDERING The Wailin’ Jennys, Rich Saxon, Glenna Briant

SERMON

Practice Resurrection: See and Celebrate

Stephanie Moffitt

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Arr. Joseph Martin
Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER

Rev. Michael Mather

A Native American version of the Lord's Prayer

O Great Spirit,
You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place
Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon.
Whatever You want done, let it also be done everywhere.
Give us Your gift of bread day by day.
Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us.
Take us away from wrong doings.
Free us from all evil.
For everything belongs to You.
Let your power and glory shine forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Stephanie Moffitt

POSTLUDE

“Abide With Me”
Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Gerald Holbrook

***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:

Sue Brighton
Kirsten Carpenter
Jordan Ortman
Rich Saxon

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

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, May 9, 2021

10:30 am MDT on our Website, our Facebook page, or our Vimeo channel

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

May Special Offering benefits FUMC Scholarship Fund

The May special offering will benefit the FUMC Scholarship Fund. The scholarships, awarded annually, support the higher education goals of students who are members of First Church, and who wish to pursue undergraduate or graduate degrees. This amazing, long-standing tradition of FUMC supporting our youth in education began in 1990 with a portion of the Madge Aden estate. **To contribute:** please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write “May 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 “May 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.