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***10:30 am Worship***

***Mother's Day***

***May 9, 2021***

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**WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

**“Genesis”**

Brandy Nālani McDougall

In this version of Genesis, life begins  
with destruction. A sun-size star  
runs out, becomes unstable, expels  
a cinder seemingly lost  
in the interstellar gloom.

The whole story is  
in the fine grains of dust there,  
still merging to form. Their ice  
weaves the enormous stretches  
between the stars, so that  
in the void, a giant universe

underlying all molecules  
could have begun in the far  
reaches of space, long before  
a drifting thought of you  
rolled itself up into solid  
conviction. Science is hard:



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**LITURGY OF WONDERING** Rachel Metheny, Pete Lewis, & Mike Green

**SERMON** *Practice Resurrection: Especially Joy* Rev. Michael Mather

**HYMN** "Joy to the World" UMH #246

**PRAYER** Stephanie Moffitt

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** A Version from Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days —  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Michael Mather

**POSTLUDE**

“Hymn To Joy”  
Jordan Ortman, organ

Arr. Wayne Wold (b. 1954)

***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:

Kirsten Carpenter

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Pete Lewis

Rachel Metheny

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Jordan Ortman

Andrea Weidemann

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 16, 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.

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