

FirstCHURCH
First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

May 16, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

from “Sometimes”

Mary Oliver (1935-2019)

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Instructions for living a life:

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

OUR GRADUATES THROUGH THE YEARS

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“I was There To Hear Your Boring Cry”

TFWS #2051

Paul Stuber, tenor; Jordan Ortman, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

“Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise”

UMH #312

SCRIPTURE READING

Olivia Malmberg, Carson McCue, & Rob Trowe

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the realm of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of God. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, "People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

LITURGY OF WONDERING

SERMON

Practice Resurrection: Don't Just Stand There

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Rise Up”

Asha Romero, vocals
Jordan Ortman, piano

As sung by Andra Day,
Cassandra Monique Batie
and Jennifer Decilveo

BLESSING & PRAYER

Mike Mather & Stephanie Moffitt

**THE ST. ANDREWS YOUTH COMMUNITY’S VERSION OF
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Dear Amazing God, Father and Mother. The creator of all humanity, Ruler of the Earth. Show your holy light in the universe. Release your greatness and spread your love into the world, show your love through us. Help us to cherish and respect each other. Protect us, support us, and forgive our wrong doings strengthen us from doing it again. Help me to forgive myself and others and give me strength to protect those in need. Keep me safe, help me to make the right decisions in life, give me the opportunity to heal the world’s people. You are the greatest. You are the supreme creator of all. You are the almighty. Yay, God! Amen.

HYMN

“O Christ, When You Ascended”

Worship and Song #3087

HEARING FROM THIS YEAR’S GRADUATES

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Llanfair”

Jordan Ortman, organ

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

***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:

Heidi Lewis	Olivia Malmberg
Carson McCue	Jordan Ortman
Asha Romero	Paul Stuber
Rob Trowe	

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 23, 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://funcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.