

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

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10:30 am Worship

Pentecost

May 23, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Had I not been awake”

Seamus Heaney (1939-2013)

Had I not been awake I would have missed it,
A wind that rose and whirled until the roof
Pattered with quick leaves off the sycamore
And got me up, the whole of me a-patter,
Alive and ticking like an electric fence:
Had I not been awake I would have missed it,
It came and went so unexpectedly
And almost it seemed dangerously,
Returning like an animal to the house,
A courier blast that there and then
Lapsed ordinary. But not ever
After. And not now.

WELCOME & THE CALL

Prelude

“Spirit Song”

Rev. Michael Mather
Jordan Ortman, piano

THE SCRIPTURE READING

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Darren De Reuck, Glenna Briant, Arabelle Moffitt, & Fernando Rodriguez

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young folks shall see visions, and your old folks shall dream dreams.

Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

THE MOMENT OF WONDER

Larry

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH #393

Members of the FUMC Chancel Choir:

Paul Stuber, Glenna Briant, Laure Milliot,

Carlisle Momberger, Sue and Les Brighton

Jordan Ortman, piano

SERMON

Practice Resurrection: Naming Differently

Rev. Michael Mather & De'Amon Harges

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”

Words & Music by

Russell Fragar, Arr. Andy Moffitt

Andy Moffitt, vocals, guitar, mandolin, bass guitar, and percussion

PRAYER

with “Songs of the Spirit”

Stephanie Moffitt

The Lord’s Prayer, from the Aramaicm

Translated by Neil Douglas-Klotz

O Birther! Father- Mother of the Cosmos

Focus your light within us - make it useful.

Create your reign of unity now

Through our fiery hearts and willing hands
Help us love beyond our ideals
and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.
Animate the earth within us: we then
feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.
Untangle the knots within
so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.
Don't let surface things delude us,
But free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.
Out of you, the astonishing fire,
Returning light and sound to the cosmos.
Amen.

HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” **UMH #420**
 Jordan Ortman, piano

BENEDICTION **Rev. Michael Mather**

POSTLUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” **J. Bert Carlson**
 Jordan Ortman, organ **(1937-2017)**

***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:

Glenna Briant	Les and Sue Brighton
Darren De Reuck	De'Amon Harges
Larry	Laure Milliot
Arabelle Moffitt	Carlisle Momberger
Jordan Ortman	Fernando Rodriguez
Paul Stuber	

And special thanks to Andy Moffitt for arranging
and performing our special music today.

Also, *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 30, 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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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.