

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

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***10:30 am Worship***

***Trinity Sunday***

***May 30, 2021***

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**WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

**“The Layers”**

Stanley Kunitz (1905-2006)

I have walked through many lives,  
some of them my own,  
and I am not who I was,  
though some principle of being  
abides, from which I struggle  
not to stray.

When I look behind,  
as I am compelled to look  
before I can gather strength  
to proceed on my journey,  
I see the milestones dwindling  
toward the horizon  
and the slow fires trailing  
from the abandoned camp-sites,  
over which scavenger angels  
wheel on heavy wings.

Oh, I have made myself a tribe  
out of my true affections,  
and my tribe is scattered!  
How shall the heart be reconciled  
to its feast of losses?  
In a rising wind  
the manic dust of my friends,

those who fell along the way,  
bitterly stings my face.  
Yet I turn, I turn,  
exulting somewhat,  
with my will intact to go  
wherever I need to go,  
and every stone on the road  
precious to me.  
In my darkest night,  
when the moon was covered  
and I roamed through wreckage,  
a nimbus-clouded voice  
directed me:  
“Live in the layers,  
not on the litter.”  
Though I lack the art  
to decipher it,  
no doubt the next chapter  
in my book of transformations  
is already written.  
I am not done with my changes.

**THE CALL**

Rev. Michael Mather

**PRELUDE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
FUMC Chancel Choir

UMH #64

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michael Mather

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“How Great Thou Art”  
Kirsten Carpenter, soprano  
Jordan Ortman, piano

Dan Forrest

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**

Arianna McCue

**Acts 3:1-10**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful

Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**LITURGY OF WONDERING**

Dan Bowdey, Priscilla Bowdey,  
& Heather Bowdey

**SERMON**

*What Do We Have to Offer?*

Seana Murphy

**HYMN**

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"  
FUMC Chancel Choir

UMH #79

**PRAYERS**

Stephanie Moffitt

***Alternative Lord's Prayer***

*All Saints Fulham Church in London, England*

Eternal Spirit,  
Life-Giver,  
Pain-bearer,  
Love-maker,  
Source of all that is  
and that shall be,  
Father and Mother  
of us all,  
Loving God,  
in whom is heaven:  
the Hallowing of your Name  
echo through the universe.

The Way of your Justice  
be followed

by the people of the world.  
Your Heavenly Will be done  
by all created beings.

Your commonwealth  
of Peace and Freedom  
sustain our hope  
and come on earth.

With the bread  
we need for today  
feed us.

In the hurts  
we absorb from one another  
forgive us.

In times of temptation  
and test,  
strengthen us.

From trials too sharp  
to endure,  
spare us.

From the grip  
of all that is evil.  
free us.

For you reign in the glory  
of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN**      “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
                    FUMC Chancel Choir

UMH #94

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Michael Mather

**POSTLUDE**

“Lasst Uns Erfreuen”  
Jordan Ortman, organ

Mark Sedio (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:

Dan Bowdey  
Heather Bowdey  
Priscilla Bowdey  
Kirsten Carpenter  
The First Church Chancel Choir  
Arianna McCue  
Seana Murphy  
Jordan Ortman

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, June 6, 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.