

First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

June 6, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“The Waiting”

Joyce Wong

I was waiting for something
to arrive. I didn't know what.
Something buoyed, something
sun knocked. I placed my palms
up, little pads of butter, expecting.
All day, nothing. Longer than
that. My hair grew, fell out,
grew. Outside my window, I felt
the flick of a tail in September
wind. A bobcat sauntered across
the grass before me, the black tip
of its tail a pencil I'd like to sharpen.
I immediately hushed, crouched,
became a crumpled shock of
joy to see something this wild,
not myself. It turned to look
at me, its body muscular in
the turning. In its mouth was
the tail of a mouse drained of
blood, dangling diorama of death.
Sharp eyes looking at me and then,
not. Its lack of fear, its slow stroll
across the stream's bridge, fur

lacquering its teeth. Sometimes
what comes to us, we never called
for. How long had I been crouched
like that? I stood up, blood rush
trumpeting. My arms wrapped
themselves around myself, lifted.
It was as if a bank vault had
opened and I was just standing
there, stealing nothing.

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“Gather Us In”
Jordan Ortman, organ

Jeffery Honoré (b. 1956)

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

INTROIT

“Cry Out and Shout!”
FUMC Chancel Choir

Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Elliott Mickelberry

Psalms 130: A Song of Ascents

Help, God—I’ve hit rock bottom!

Master, hear my cry for help!

Listen hard! Open your ears!

Listen to my cries for mercy.

If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings,
who would stand a chance?

As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit,
and that’s why you’re worshiped.

I pray to God—my life a prayer—
and wait for what he’ll say and do.

My life’s on the line before God, my Lord,
waiting and watching till morning,
waiting and watching till morning.

O Israel, wait and watch for God—
with God’s arrival comes love,
with God’s arrival comes generous redemption.
No doubt about it—God will redeem Israel,
buy back Israel from captivity to sin.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WONDER Stephanie Moffitt

SERMON *Waiting for the Third Way* Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “Courante” from Suite No. 1 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Beth Rosbach, cello

PRAYING TOGETHER Stephanie Moffitt

CHORAL RESPONSE “Lead Me, Lord” Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)
FUMC Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE “Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir” Max Drischner (1891-1971)
(From deep affliction I cry out to you)
Jordan Ortman, organ

***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:

The Chancel Choir
Glenna Briant
Elliott Mickelberry
Jordan Ortman
Beth Rosbach

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

The Flowers on the altar this morning were given by Judy Barton
*“to all FUMC pastors, staff, and volunteer congregation members who make
our Sunday virtual services possible.”*

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

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

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, June 13, 2021

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

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

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.