

# NOTES:



To learn more about First Church and how to get involved, visit our website:

[FUMCBoulder.org](http://FUMCBoulder.org)

## MUSIC INTO LIFE

### “While I Breathe I Hope” by Hagen & Newhouse

Dum Spiro Spero

Follow one breath.

Go where it goes

down to the dark,

past bone,

past heart,

past hurt,

to light,

to rest only a moment

in the strength of your soul’s

cupped hands.

Hope is born here,

hope is cradled,

breathing itself,

ready to rise

with your breath and return

through your heart

through your voice

through your song.

Dum Spiro Spero

While I breathe I hope.

## POEM

### Weeping Willow by Diane Rex (10/7/24)

Canopied in a curtain call bow,

as if ballerinas had shown how,

gangly green limbs bend and sway

their silver-tipped leaves playfully pray,

flutter, primp, and preen

and sweep the dirt clean

as a curious urchin,

peering behind their glittering curtain,

slips into the hollow of their embrace,

entranced by their dance of beauty and grace,

settles down in the warm dirt’s lap

to drift into a much-needed nap

dreams that this safe newfound bed

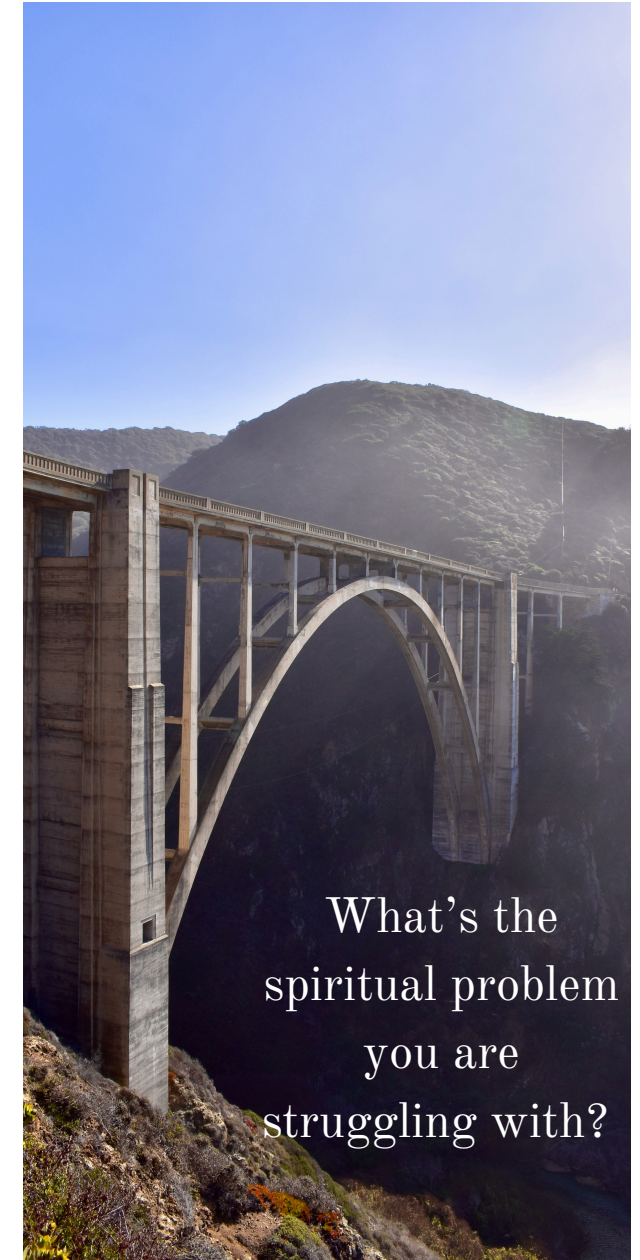
will become home for his homeless head.

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

Your generous donation today supports the ministries at First Church.

Scan either code to give online, or leave your offering in the narthex with an usher.

Give through PayPal:      Give on Our Website:



What’s the  
spiritual problem  
you are  
struggling with?

10:30 AM

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

Corrente e Siciliano, Op. 100 no. 3 by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## WELCOME & THE CALL

Rev. Mike Mather & Henry Fortna

## MUSIC FOR ENTERING

"Take Me to the Alley" by Gregory Porter

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-22

## HYMN

#2155 "Blest Are They" vs. 1-4

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:23-26

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Jonathan Rodgers

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:27-31

## SERMON

Cultivating Joy: Paying Attention to the Holy  
Rev. Mike Mather

## HYMN

#2218 "You Are Mine"

## BENEDICTION & PRESCRIPTION

Rev. Mike Mather

## POETRY READING

Written by Diane Rex  
Read by Charlotte Warren Sass

## MUSIC INTO LIFE

"While I Breathe I Hope" by Jocelyn Hagen & Brian Newhouse [lyrics on back of pew paper]

*Thank you to this morning's musicians:*

*The Chancel Choir*

*Zerek Dodson, piano & organ*

*Carrina Macaluso, soloist & guitar*

*Charlotte Warren Sass, Director of Worship Arts*

*And thank you to this morning's Scripture reader,*

*Diane Rex.*

## MUSIC FOR ENTERING

### "Take Me to the Alley" by Porter

Well, they guild their houses  
In preparation for the King  
And they line the sidewalks  
With every sort of shiny thing

They will be surprised  
When they hear him say

Take me to the alley  
Take me to the afflicted ones  
Take me to the lonely ones  
that somehow  
Lost their way

Let them hear me say  
I am your friend  
Come to my table  
Rest here in my garden  
You will have a pardon

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Rodgers

I am a poor wayfaring  
stranger  
While traveling through this  
world of woe;  
Yet there's no sickness, toil  
or danger  
In that bright land to which I  
go  
I'm going there to see my  
mother.  
I'm going there no more to  
roam;  
I'm only going over Jordan.  
I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will  
gather o'er me  
I know my way is rough and  
steep;  
Yet beauteous fields lie just  
before me  
Where God's redeemed,  
there vigils keep.

I'm going there to see my  
father.  
I'm going there no more to  
roam.  
I'm only going over Jordan.  
I'm only going over home.  
I want to wear a crown of  
glory  
When I get home to that  
good land.  
I want to shout salvation's  
story  
In concert with that  
bloodwashed band.  
I'm going there to meet my  
Savior,  
To sing His praises evermore.  
I'm only going over Jordan  
I'm only going over home.