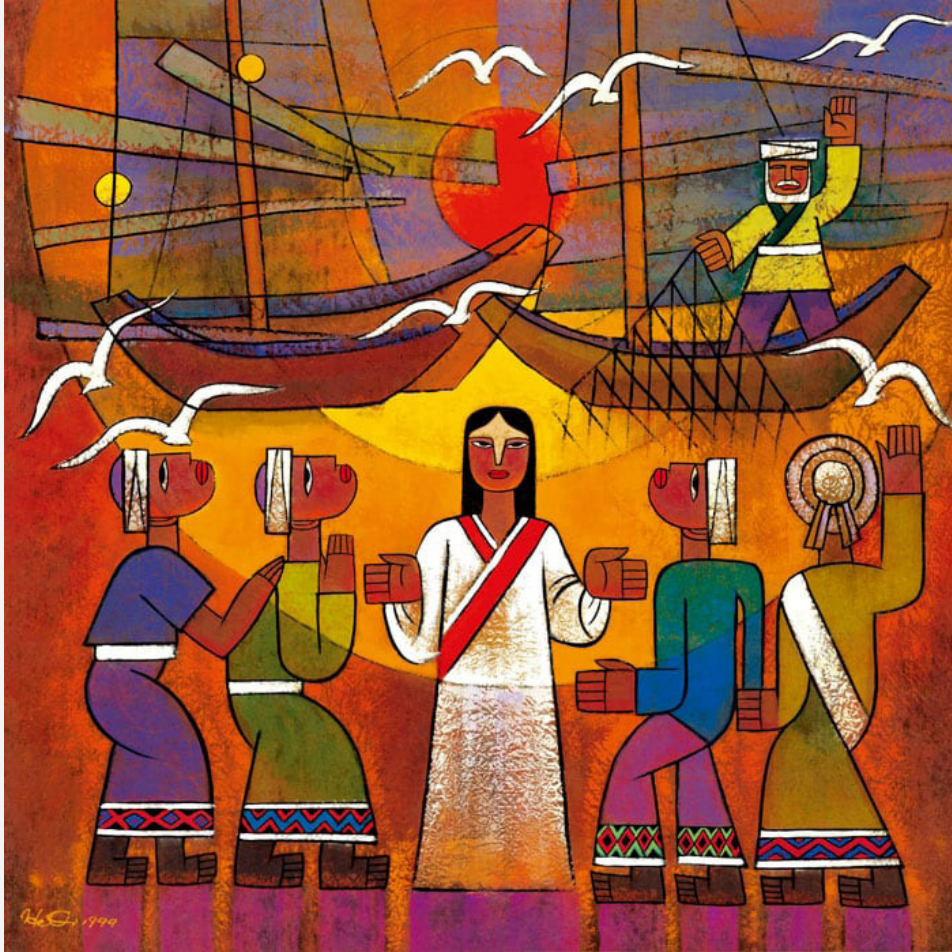




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



Jesus Calls His Disciples by He Qui, China

Called Together

January 22, 2023 | 10:30 am

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Welcome to The First Congregational Church Boulder, a community of faith on a journey of faith. Founded in 1864, the first church built in Boulder, we have been gathering ever since as a community of kindred hearts to worship, to learn and grow in the light of God's grace, to extend ourselves in compassionate service, and to be instruments of God's transformation in the world.

As a member congregation of the United Church of Christ, we believe "God is still speaking." We listen and open our lives to the movement of God's Spirit stirring us up in the new thing God is always doing in our midst. We trust as our Pilgrim forbears prayed, "There is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word."

Our commitment to the extravagant love of Jesus makes the words, "All are Welcome," as inclusive as they sound. We are glad you are here: believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, people brimming with hope and those who wander in despair, people of all races, cultures, and abilities, of all gender identities and sexual orientations. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you would like to **DEDICATE FLOWERS** in a loved one's honor or memory for an upcoming Sunday service, please contact Anne Byrne at 303-601-7671 (or flowers@firstcong.net) Also, people may contribute for flowers using this giving form. <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/give/flowers>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm. If you need to visit the church or speak with Julie Griffiths please plan to come by during those hours.

INFANTS, TODDLERS, PRE-K & K meet with Miss Ginger (lower level).
ELEMENTARY CHILDREN start in Worship, and may leave worship as indicated in the bulletin.
MS & HS YOUTH at 10:30 am start in the Grace Gallery on the Lower Level (left of the stairs/elevator).

COVID PROTOCOLS: Masks are recommended.

We have a **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** which sends sound directly into a hearing aid/cochlear implant. Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. Or, in both the Sanctuary and Chapel, pocket-sized FM receivers are also available from the ushers. BYO earbuds or use the new ones provided. **WHEELCHAIRS** are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUR GIVING Online or in-person, you can count on the nurturing ministry of FCC Boulder Church. Each one of us plays an important part, including through our financial support.

You may contribute **BY CHECK** to the church, First Congregational Church Boulder.

Contribute by **TEXT-TO-GIVE** by texting: 73256 with the message joy2givefcc.

Contribute **ONLINE** at - www.firstcong.net/give - click on the Give Now button

Or simply use this QR code...



STAFF

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Linda Kowatch *Associate Minister*
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Julia Wirth *Director of Children's Music* | *Interim Music Staff* - Susan Carl, Jessica Kressin, Patrick Mason
Er-Hsuan Li *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*
Angie Dickinson Mickle and Sam Botnick | *Lead AV Techs*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor BWV 559
Susan Carl, organ

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN 504

You Walk Along the Shoreline

Elementary children may leave for SERVE Sunday activities at the end of the hymn.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Nicole Speer

One: God our Loving Creator, day by day you invite us

**All: to follow the path that leads to peace and
to take our place at your table of grace.**

One: Day by Day, Christ calls us

**All: to pour ourselves out in service and
to receive every neighbor with kindness.**

One: Day by day, the Spirit shows us

**All: how to be the people we are called to be and
the beloved community we may yet become.**

One: With every step we take, your goodness and mercy follow.

**All: On this journey, may we learn
to see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day, Amen.**

(Adapted from St. Richard of Chichester, 1253)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Called Together

*HYMN 173

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may

not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

By the Still Waters, Op. 114
Jessica Kressin, piano

A. Beach

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE**STEWARDSHIP WITNESS**

Jean Abbott

OFFERTORY

Lead Me, Guide Me

D. Akers
arr. J. Carter

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Where he leads me, I will follow;
Where he leads me, I will follow;
I am trusting you whate'er may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

I am weak and I need your strength and power
To endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

I am lost if you take your hand from me;
I am blind without your light to see.
Lord, forever may I your servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when trouble and sin oppress.
I am trusting you whate'er may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, our Great Redeemer,
receive our gifts for the sake of your world.
By the power of your Spirit,
guide us and give us the courage
to take the risks of faith and follow you.
Lead us on our pilgrim journey,
lift us to sing your songs of praise,
and use our lives to pour out
streams of healing mercy. Amen.

***HYMN 18**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

M. Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soup Kitchen Today in Plymouth Hall

On the fourth Sunday of every month, we are pleased to take our turn serving a hot meal to our hungry neighbors in Boulder, inviting them to linger in our Plymouth Hall. Medical professional from St. Benedict's Health and Healing Ministry are also present to provide free medical care to those in need. Thank you to the sixteen volunteers from our congregation for all their efforts to provide warm hospitality. If you would like to help in future months, you can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/signupsoup>

Please Come to a House Party!

On Wednesday you received an email from your Stewardship Team with a party invitation. Please join us! Questions? See the weekly email or contact Tara Kelly at tarakelly@comcast.net or 303-263-1094

It's Almost Time for Another FOG! - Friday 1/27, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Fellowship for the Grape is meeting at Bob and Louisa Matthias's home, 980 Crescent Drive, Boulder. Malbecs are their wine of choice, but any type is fine. If you are a couple, please bring a beverage and an appetizer. Singles may bring either. Non Alcoholic beverages are also provided. All adults are welcome!

2023 Boards and Committees - Sunday, 1/29 at 11:45 am

The members of the boards and committees for 2023 will be elected at the annual meeting on March 5, and the Nominating Committee is meeting on January 29 to identify candidates. Ministries are open at any time. Now is your chance to get connected! If you are interested in any of the Boards or Committees, or want more information, contact Chris Shearer Cooper, Carol Hasselbacher, Karen Cumbo, or Julie Griffiths. There is much to do and learn and be in our caring community.

Book Discussion - Call it Grace by Serene Jones - Wednesday, 2/8 from 7 – 8 PM - Zoom

All are invited to discuss the book *Call It Grace* by Serene Jones, President of the Union Theological Seminary and this year's MacKenzie Lectureship speaker in February. Led by Monika Rutkowski and Jane Thomas, we will meet on Wed., Jan. 18 and Wed., Feb. 8 on Zoom from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The book is available at the Boulder Book Store at a discount, on the "Book Study" shelves near the back door. For more info contact Jane Thomas 303 570-2447 or Monika Rutkowski 303 501-7615

Congregations Alive 5: The Fierce Urgency of Now - 2/23-2/25

First Plymouth Congregational Church in Englewood

Climate Justice for All. You are invited to attend this in-person gathering with diverse workshops, lively worship, in-person fellowship, and stimulating and challenging conversation. Featuring Rev. Jim Antal, retired conference minister of the Massachusetts Conference UCC. He remains a denominational leader, climate activist, public theologian and author of the book, *Climate Church, Climate World*. Register Here <http://metrodenverucc.org/congalive>

Men and Friends Retreat - 3/10-3/12, 2023 at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park

Please join us for the Men's and Friends Retreat in the Rocky Mountains. This year's theme is Recover, Resilience and Re-Creation. Join us as we gather in large and small groups for discussions, cooking, game playing, cross-country skiing and general mayhem. Don't miss this opportunity to make connections with people at First Cong and be strengthened in your faith. The cost is \$175.00 and scholarships are available. Register here (<https://tinyurl.com/4rbkyyuy>) or if you have questions, contact Peter Oakes (peteroakes44@gmail.com) or Linda Kowatch (linda@firstcong.net)

Star Words - Pick One up in the Link or Ask for One to Be Mailed to You

On Epiphany, we remember how a Star guided the Magi to the place where they found the Christ child. In keeping with their journey to move closer to Jesus, we invite you to move through the year with intention and prayer. Pick up a Star Word envelope with instructions at church, or request the church office mail you one. Place your Star Word in a prominent place in your home or work, and pay attention to where it shows up in your life. Allow the word on the star to be a lens through which you look for and listen to God in your life. All year long.

Our racial justice ministry and the NAACP Boulder County and Executive Committee, African American Cultural Events, Boulder County, invite you to participate in their 2023 Black History Month Celebrations. In February, the world acknowledges and celebrates Black History, and we will do the same in Boulder County. Our 2023 Black History Month Celebration will feature two events that are comprised of various dates.

Black Futures in Art:

We're Not Just History- Seven exhibitions featuring the works of Black artists in Boulder County

- First Congregational Church Gallery, Boulder, CO,
- Off Broadway Gallery at Pine Street Church, Boulder, CO, Feb.2, 2023, 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm, Panel Discussion- 6:30 pm
- The Gallery @ Bus Stop Apartments, Boulder, CO, Feb. 3, 2023, 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm
- Dairy Arts Center-Performing Arts, Boulder, CO, Jan. 28 – Mar. 4, 2023, 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm
- East Window Gallery, Boulder, CO, Now through 29, 2023
By Appointment -info@eastwindow.org
- East Simpson Coffee, Lafayette, CO, Jan. 21 – Mar. 4, 2023
- Stone Sculpting Classes with Satoro Tafura, Kuumba Arts Space, Longmont, Saturdays, Feb.4-25, 2023, 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm. Call 303-856-6738

Youth Storytelling featuring youth author Nyibol Bior and her book “My Beautiful Colors.”

Bior is a K-12 teacher and former refugee born in South Sudan. “My Beautiful Colors” is a story about how colors have multiple and opposite meanings and how colors taught Bior to treat herself and others with respect and dignity.

- Feb. 5, 2023, 2:00 pm Longmont Library. Exhibit Highlighting Black Authors
- Feb. 18, 2023, 10:00 am. Longmont Museum. Youth author Nyibol Bior: “Changing Your Blues to Blue Skies” followed by an art activity
- Feb. 18, 2023, 3:00 pm Lafayette Library. Youth author Nyibol Bior: “Changing Your Blues to Blue Skies” followed by an art activity

All events are FREE! Claim tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/longmontlibrary>

Save the Dates

January 29, 11:45 am	Nominating Committee
February 12, 11:45 am	Newcomers Coffee
February 12, 9:30 am	Together Colorado Forum
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 24-26	MacKenzie Lectureship with Serene Jones, President, Union Theological Seminary, New York “The Body of Christ” Keeps the Score: Trauma, Spirituality, and Faith”
March 5, 11:45 am	Annual Meeting