



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



## Live the Light: City On A Hill

January 28, 2024 | 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.

During 10:30 AM Worship...

**YOUNG CHILDREN** are Invited to the Toddler Room (downstairs)

**ELEMENTARY CHILDREN** will leave for Church School as indicated in the bulletin

**YOUTH** will start in Worship and leave with children to go to Church School

In the Sanctuary...

We have a **NEW 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 also 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.

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#### **ONLINE**

[www.firstcong.net/give](http://www.firstcong.net/give)

#### **ENVELOPE**

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#### **STAFF**

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Linda Kowatch *Associate Minister*

Dr. Kajsia Teitelbaum *Director of Music*

Rob Cronin and Sam Bauman *Directors of Youth Ministry*

Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist* | Renee Loewen *Accountant*

Julia Wirth *Director of Children's Music* | Jessica Kressin, *Chancel Choir Accompanist*

Er-Hsuan Li *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*

Angie Dickinson *Mickle AV and Event Specialist* | Nick Munding *Lead AV Tech*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Improvisations on You Are the Salt of the Earth  
Kajsa Teitelbaum, piano

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## \*HYMN

Let Us Build A House (see back page of bulletin)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

Jackson Loewe Bruno, Child of Krystal and David Bruno

Godparents: Robin Szajna, Conrad Szajna, Sarah Bruno and Alex Porte

## THE COVENANT PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child who is about to be baptized?

We will, with the help of God. Through this act we welcome this child into the fellowship of Christ's church and invite him to share with us the cost and joy of discipleship. We promise to receive him as a fellow pilgrim on the Christian way, to guide him by our precepts and example, that all of us may grow in the knowledge and love of God, according to the measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

God of our fathers and mothers, and our God, we thank you for this, your child, and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the spirit. Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend this new member of the body of Christ. Give to the newly baptized strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom to love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

## MUSICAL PROMISE

I Will Come To You (You Are Mine)

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
4 name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you  
7 home; I love you and you are mine.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures, then continues the melody. The third staff begins with a measure rest for 7 measures, then continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined for emphasis.

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\*The asterisk is an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Adam Reed, Membership Committee

Carol Hasselbacher, Moderator

Krystal and David Bruno, Signe Myhren

Jane Cummings, Erikka Lovejoy

## COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION

With joy, we receive you as members of First Congregational Church.  
We welcome you to this progressive Christian Church  
committed to faith as a journey, compassionate service, and inclusion of all.  
We pray that through loving and being loved,  
through serving and being served,  
we all may be strengthened by our mutual concern for one another;  
and that through our shared witness this church  
may faithfully serve the realm of God on earth.

## WELCOME SONG

*The children and youth will leave the sanctuary to attend Sunday School.*

1. Wel - come to this house, \_\_\_\_\_

o - pen and af - firm - ing.

In God's Son we are all one.

Hand in hand we stand. \_\_\_\_\_

Wel - come to this house, \_\_\_\_\_ car - ing and ac -

- cept - ing. In God's Son

we are all one. Wel - come to this

house of God. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:14-16 & Acts 2:43-47

**SERMON** Live The Light: City on A Hill

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** Go Light Your World  
Rebecca Flintoft, soloist

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER OF JESUS**

Adaptation by J. Philip Newell

Ground of all being,  
Mother of Life, Father of the universe,  
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.  
May we know your presence,  
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.  
May there be food for the human family today  
and for the whole earth community.  
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict,  
but lead us into new beginnings.  
For the light of life, the vitality of life,  
and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE**

**OFFERTORY** This Little Light of Mine arr. Mark Patterson  
Chancel Choir  
Lily Tian, Kevin Pettit, Signe Myhren, soloists  
Kajsa Teitelbaum, Director, Jessica Kressin, piano

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 181** You Are the Salt of the Earth

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in B minor E. Gigout

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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**Combined Joyful Noise & Faith Singers Rehearsal** – 11:45 AM, in the Chapel

**Parent Conversations: Tech Talk for All Ages**

**2/4, 5 to 6:30 PM Parents of Teens - Heritage Room**

**2/11, 9:15 to 10:15 AM Parents of Young Children - Heritage Room**

Calling all parents and grandparents! Wondering how to navigate the digital age as a family in ways that reflect your values? Join conversations on parenting and social media (parents of youth) and screen time (parents of young children) facilitated by Allison Tatterson and Susan Wilkinson, members of our 4th Soil Parenting Team.

**ARTS Camp 2024 Registration Is Open! - Sunday 6/2 (4 PM) to Saturday 6/8 (9:30 AM), 2024**

Each summer, Elementary (completing 2nd grade-5th grade) and Middle School kids produce a musical that is both fun and a reflection of our progressive faith. In addition to producing the musical, our fun will feature set/prop building, games, and activities such as canoeing, tree climbing, hiking, unbelievable counselors, vespers, all within an incredible faith community! AND this will be a wonderful time for our children to get to know our new Minister of Faith Formation! For more information and registration, go to our registration page. (<http://tinyurl.com/36sc3xtp>)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Caregivers Panel Discussion: Balancing Stamina with Compassion - Today, at 9:15 AM - Standish Room**

Please join the Ministry of Last Things for a panel discussion by members of our congregation on the various aspects of caregiving for loved ones living with Dementia and other illnesses. As a caregiver, how do you recharge your own batteries? How do you avoid taking on stress? How do you deal with changes in personality and memories of the person you knew before? Panel members will discuss these topics and there will be time for questions.

**True Justice Film Screening - Sunday, 1/28 at 2:30 PM - First Congregational Church**

In partnership with the Boulder County NAACP, we are honored to host a screening of the film True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality, a award winning documentary, following Bryan Stevenson and the struggle of the Equal Justice Initiative to create greater fairness in the criminal justice system. Following the movie, Matt Hess from our Racial Justice Ministry will facilitate a conversation with Darren O'Connor, NAACP's Criminal Justice Committee and Ndume Olatushani, who was exonerated after nearly 30 years in prison.

**Live the Light! - Sign up for Stewardship House Party!**

Where do you see light in our life together? That's the question the Stewardship Team is asking all of us to reflect on. They shared some of their responses during worship last Sunday. You can watch and listen here (<http://tinyurl.com/4ctnn9v6>). Our House Parties continue! This is an opportunity for you to get to know other church members, hear about plans for the upcoming year and ask any questions you have about Stewardship. Sign up here (<http://tinyurl.com/ynj247nz>). On Sunday, February 4th, during worship, we will be consecrating our financial pledges to the church for 2024 as we come forward to celebrate the sacrament of communion. You may bring your pledge card with you. You may also pledge online here (<http://tinyurl.com/vkwp7cew>).

**Your Voice Matters: Participate in Our 2024 Interest Survey**

First Cong values your evolving interests and faith. Take our 2024 Interest Survey. Your responses will help us understand your passions, plan intergenerational activities, inform you of meaningful opportunities, and create flexible volunteer roles. A summary report will be shared to highlight our community's trends. Thank you!





### **Ushers Needed! Sunday Morning Worship Services, 10 AM – 11:45 AM**

Join us in the call to be a radically welcoming congregation as an Usher. As an Usher you are often first face someone sees when they come to First Congregational Church as a visitor. You are also the first "Hello!" to regular attenders. Please volunteer to be an Usher. Training is provided. You can sign up to serve on Sundays that fit your schedule below. Contact [linda@firstcong.net](mailto:linda@firstcong.net) for more information. <http://tinyurl.com/3cuuwsa9>

### **February Food Drive - Donate Starting Next Friday 2/2, through 2/9**

Donate to food pantries in Boulder and Longmont run by Boulder County AIDS Project and Emergency Family Assistance Association: List of much needed items can be found in the Link as well as in your Weekly email. contact your local neighborhood leader to deliver your donation

### **A Celebration of Life for Richard McCullough - Saturday, 2/3 at 1 PM - Sanctuary**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Richard McCullough, his wife, Sue, daughter Malaika, grandson, Thomas, and all he loved dearly. Richard died on December 12, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at First Congregational Church on Saturday, February 3 at 1 PM with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

### **Ash Wednesday Dinner Church - Wednesday, 2/14 at 6 PM - Plymouth Hall**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and our journey with Jesus to the cross. Join us for a simple Soup Supper and Service of Worship which includes the ritual of anointing with ashes and the sacrament of holy communion. Jean Abbott from the Ministry of Last Things will offer a reflection. All are welcome and no reservations are needed for this intergenerational service. We begin at 6:00 PM.

### **Helpers Needed for Ash Wednesday Dinner Church Wednesday, 2/14 at 6 PM - Plymouth Hall**

We are eagerly seeking your support and participation. All individuals, regardless of age, are warmly invited to volunteer to make our Ash Wednesday Dinner Church a good worship experience for all. Sign up as an individual, family, or ministry/board. There are numerous ways you can contribute, we need Table Setters, Soup Makers, Shoppers, Folks to Prep and Serve, Clean-Up Crew, and Ushers. Learn more and sign-up here (<http://tinyurl.com/29bnefm6>).



### **Newcomers Coffee - Sunday, 2/18 - Following Worship**

Are you new to the First Congregational Church community, looking to find out more, and get better connected? Join us on Sunday, February 18 after 10:30 AM worship to get to meet some of the staff and leaders of our congregation, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about the many ways you can get involved.

### **2024 NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration - February, 2/18 - CU Boulder's Macky Auditorium**

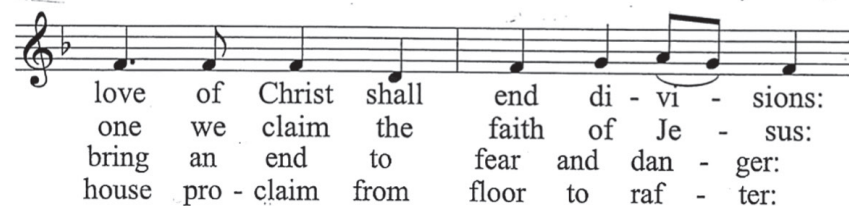
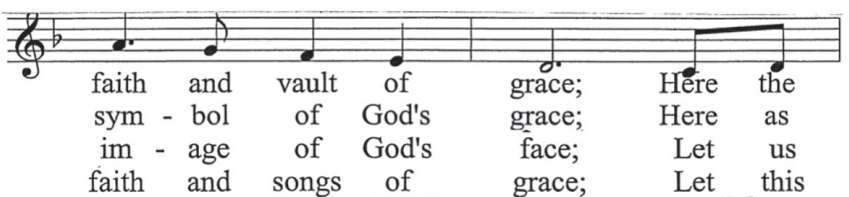
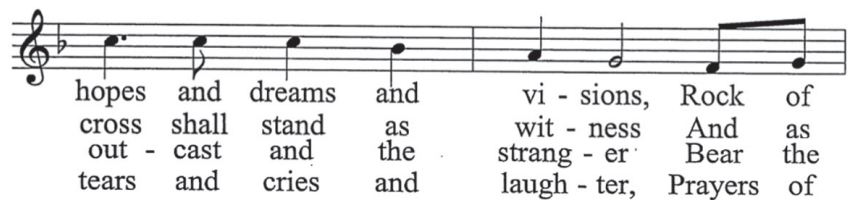
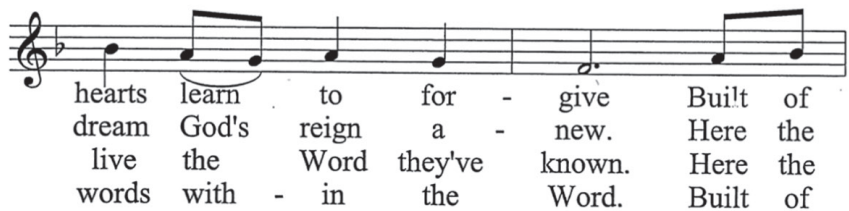
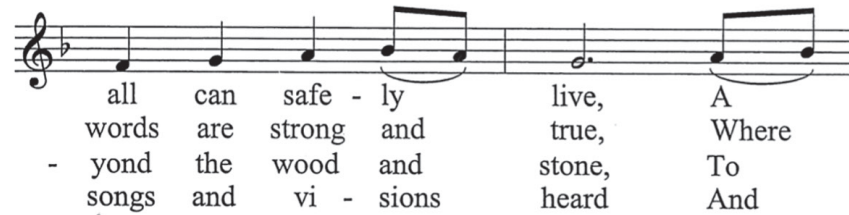
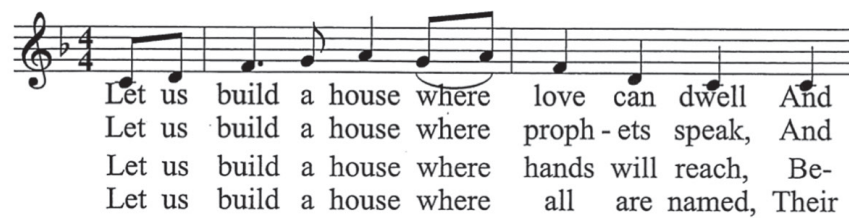
Join featured guest, the incredible Mr. Anthony Ray Hinton, who endured and triumphed over nearly 30 years on Alabama's death row for a crime he didn't commit. This celebration will kick off with the soulful sounds of Danielle Ponder, a talented entertainer and musician. While on our pilgrimage we visited the Equal Justice Initiative - the organization that provided representation for Hinton's exoneration. So, this will be an opportunity to share some of what the pilgrims learned on our journey. Learn more and register (<https://naacpbouldercounty.org/community/#Coming>)

### **2024 MacKenzie Lectureship Weekend - 2/23 and 2/24**

Join us for the MacKenzie Lectureship on "Religion, Race, and the Struggle to Retain Democracy in America" featuring Dr. Anthea Butler. On Friday, February 23, connect with Dr. Butler at noon for a student meeting on the CU Campus. In the evening, don't miss the MacKenzie Lecture followed by a reception. On Saturday, February 24, from 9-11:30 am, engage in a workshop on Religion, Race, and Politics with CU faculty and graduate students interacting with Dr. Butler. Explore the intersection of African American religion, American religious history, race, politics, Evangelicalism, media, and popular culture with Professor Butler.

## HYMN

## Let Us Build A House



## Refrain

