



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



## Pentecost: The Church for Common Good

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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.

Flowers this Sunday are dedicated by Carol Green, in memory of her parents and loved ones

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 [flowers@firstcong.net](mailto:flowers@firstcong.net). Also, people may contribute for flowers using this giving form. <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/give/flowers>

**INFANTS, TODDLERS, PRE-K & K** start with Ginger in the Toddler Room.

**ELEMENTARY** children begin in worship and leave with Deborah as indicated in the bulletin.

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** start in the Grace Gallery.

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 CASH OR 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](http://www.firstcong.net/give) - click on the Give Now button

*Or simply use this QR code...*



## STAFF

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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

Come God, Creator, Holy Ghost  
I. Chorale  
II. Prelude  
Susan Carl, Organist

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

## \*HYMN #272

On Pentecost They Gathered  
*After the hymn children may leave for Sunday School*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit descends like a dove,  
bringing peace to unite the world  
in a just and caring community.  
The Spirit comes like a breath,  
bringing life to renew the people of God.  
The Spirit spreads among us,  
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.  
Spirit of the living God,  
come to us and transform our lives by your power. Amen.

Rev. Amy Ostwald

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13, 22-28 and I Corinthians 12:3-13

## SERMON

Pentecost: The Church for Common Good

## MUSICAL REFLECTION VIDEO

Amazing Grace  
50 Countries Sing Amazing Grace  
All Over the World

The Normal Christian Life

\*HYMN

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we  
2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -  
3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O  
4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with

come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a  
nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all  
Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like  
gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,

meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.  
fear and hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.  
steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.  
grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN #270**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song *(remain seated)*  
Jessica Kressin, piano

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE**

**ANTHEM**

African Spirit Song (Come, Holy Spirit)  
Chancel Choir  
Patrick Mason, director

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #282**

Everytime I feel the Spirit

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Finale on the Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy

P. Post

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### **MS & HS Youth Group Gathering - Wednesday, 5/31 from 7 – 8:30 PM**

Join us for an epic grand finale of our Wednesday Youth Group! Get ready for an evening filled with sizzling pizza, electrifying action games, and an exclusive sneak peek into our summer youth gatherings. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

### **Peace Camp 2023 - Monday-Friday, 6/26-30, 9:00-Noon | Ages K-5th Grade**

Peace Camp is an ecumenical camp for children K-5th grade hosted by St. Andrew Presbyterian, Longmont UCC, Community UCC, and First Congregational. Our theme is "Become a Changemaker!" Peace Camp is an interactive half-day camp where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! Using five Bible stories we provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, and imagining a new world. Contact [deborah@firstcong.net](mailto:deborah@firstcong.net)

### **Arts Camp Worship: Once Upon a Parable - Sunday June, 18**

ARTS Camp, a residential music/theatre camp for 2nd – 8th graders at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, is only two weeks away! On Friday, June 9th twenty-five campers and 7 counselors and directors will embark on a musical journey called "Once Upon a Parable". Their journey culminates on June 18th with a full production during worship (the last worship in the sanctuary before the floors are replaced!) We can't wait for the adventure to begin! (*Waitlist available contact [deborah@firstcong.net](mailto:deborah@firstcong.net)*)

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

### **Pride Sunday - Sunday, 6/4 at 9:30 AM - Sanctuary (wear your rainbow bandanas)**

As we begin a month long PRIDE celebration, we welcome Rev. Quinn Caldwell, Chaplain of the Protestant Cooperative Ministry at Cornell University, who will preach on "Jericho, The Stonewall Inn, and God using size-15 heels to bring the walls down." Adam Ewing, baritone, will sing three songs from the "It Gets Better" Movement for LGBTQ+ youth. Quinn, a friend of our congregation, joined us while Chris was on sabbatical. Adam, who earned his Doctor of Music at CU, is about to join the faculty at College of Wooster in Ohio, just down the highway from Patrick Mason's home.

### **First Cong PRIDE Booth at Boulder - Sunday, June 11, 2023, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM Central Park Volunteers & Frozen Freezer Pops NEEDED!**

In 1987 First Cong became an Open and Affirming Congregation, meaning we invite and affirm our LGBTQ+ siblings into membership and leadership. To live into that covenant, we invite everyone to participate. We need volunteers to help host and welcome people at our booth AND we need 600 frozen freezer pops. You can sign up for both in the Link after worship or email [linda@firstcong.net](mailto:linda@firstcong.net) to become part of the First Cong PRIDE Booth Team.

### **LGBTQIA+ and Allies Lunch Bunch - Sunday, June 18 email [linda@firstcong.net](mailto:linda@firstcong.net) for information**

Each month on the third Sunday the LGBTQIA+ and Allies Lunch Bunch share a meal together immediately following the worship service. Each person is responsible to pay for their own lunch. For more information, location and to reserve your spot email [linda@firstcong.net](mailto:linda@firstcong.net). Please RSVP to [linda@firstcong.net](mailto:linda@firstcong.net) before 4pm on Thursday, June 15th so we can make reservations. Please join us!

### **All Church Picnic - Sunday 6/25 at 11 AM - Foothills Community Park**

#### **Following 9:30 AM Worship Service**

On Sunday, June 25th our worship service will be at 9:30 AM in Plymouth Hall. Following the service at 11:00 AM, join First Cong folks at Foothills Community Park, 800 Cherry Ave, in Boulder. Our Board of Community Life will provide pulled BBQ sandwiches, salads including vegan options, beverages and desert. All are welcome and warmly encouraged to join us for food, fellowship, games, and a playground for the kids. Save the date and plan to attend.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Strengthen the Church - Today - Special Offering**

On this Sunday, Pentecost, you are invited to participate in a special offering to “Strengthen the Church,” the initiative of the United Church of Christ to invest in new ministries and the emerging needs of local congregations. Your offering supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity, you build up the Body of Christ. To give, put Strengthen the Church in the memo of your check or to give electronically here...

<https://onrealm.org/firstcong/give/strengthen>

## **Memorial Day Holiday**

Please note, on Monday, May 29, the church office will be closed in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday.

## **June is Gun Violence Awareness Month - Sunday June 4 at 9:30 AM - Wear Orange to Worship**

The Gun Violence Prevention Ministry and the non-profit, WEAR ORANGE, invite you to wear orange all of June especially June 2- 4 to show support for this cause. Orange bandanas will be available in the Link on May 28. Wear orange to worship at First Cong on June 4 to show your support. Orange is the color hunters wear to protect themselves and others while in the woods. Note: Moms Demand Action has events on June 3 and 4. Please check website for info (<http://momsdemandaction.org/events>)

## **Providing for your Family in Four Lessons - June 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 8:15 AM - Standish Room**

Join the Ministry of Last Things to gain peace of mind and provide for your family as you tackle end-of-life conversations and paperwork. You will be given a notebook to help you in the process. Please join us for all or individual sessions.

### *Session 1 - June 4th: What Matters To You at the End?*

This session focuses on starting conversations with your family based on the Starter Guide from The Conversation Project in Boulder County. This session helps you voice your intentions now, so your family doesn't have to guess later. It takes the burden off your family and reduces the possibility of disagreements for family members.

### *Session 2 - June 11th: What Documents Are Most Important for My Family?*

This session includes MDPOA, values documentation, Living Wills and other forms you need to have filled out BEFORE something happens.

### *Session 3 - June 18th: Getting Your Financial House in Order*

This session provides a checklist of financial matters including: accounts, trusts, safety deposit boxes, contact people for retirement funds, logins, donations of resources to organizations, and more.

### *Session 4 - June 25th: Hard Conversations That Will Bless Your Family.*

This session will address two conversations. The first is how to break the ice with your family to share your wishes vs. theirs, keeping your family in mind, and disagreements. The second conversation will be how to communicate with your health care team; how to help them understand your values, Palliative Care, Hospice.

## **Soul Box Project Exhibit & Video - Exhibit Ends June 4**

The Soul Box exhibit commemorating those lost to gun violence will leave our church sanctuary on June 4th. Please be sure to take time to view this meaningful exhibit before it moves on. Many thanks from the Gun Violence Prevention Ministry to Cathy Woods, the Arts Ministry, and all church members for your loving participation in this project. Visit (<https://youtu.be/w1mb9jLQOsw>) to see the powerful video about the exhibit in remembrance of the King Soopers tragedy of 2021.

### **Outdoor Service Opportunity - Thursday, 7/13 and Saturday, 7/29 - First Sign Up by 6/22**

Join a hands-on service project with our mission partner, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. Children as young as age 8 with a parent are welcome to join a group of ten from our church to experience a beautiful sunset or enjoy a cool morning while you collect native seeds, grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs for re-vegetation efforts. The deadline to sign up is three weeks before the event; the first deadline is 6/22. Contact Jill von Trebra at [vontrebj@comcast.net](mailto:vontrebj@comcast.net) to save your place!

### **Attention All Outdoor Enthusiasts! - Convenient drop off at Victory Camera! - 2875 28th St, Boulder**

Your gear has the power to make a life-saving impact in Ukraine! Join our humanitarian mission by donating lightly used outdoor gear and clothing. Clean out your closets and give your gear a second life. We urgently need camping and hiking gear like boots, dark-colored jackets, fleece, tents, backpacks, and more. See the complete list of urgently needed items here <https://tinyurl.com/ydvr7r4k>. Help us save lives in Ukraine today!

### **Baby Shower for Afghan Family**

Arista and Ahmad are transitioning from their lives in Kabul to the US and are expecting a baby girl at the end of July. The Board of Missions invites you to contribute to a Baby Shower for this young family. Here is a list of the items needed and instructions for cash contributions. Drop off items at the box in our Link. To learn more about this family, visit <https://tinyurl.com/42ucdeha>. Collection period is now through June 30. Questions to Kathy Minter ([minfam@me.com](mailto:minfam@me.com)) or Kathy Gilbert ([gilbertkm1@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertkm1@gmail.com))

### **A Prayerful Patriotism - July 2, 10:00 am, Frasier Meadows Canyon**

Mark your calendars to join us for worship on July 2 as we welcome Timothy Wirth, former U.S. Senator from Colorado and President Emeritus of The United Nations Foundation, as our preacher, speaking on "Unconventional Threats to our Republic: the 2024 Election." Music will be provided by our Easter Brass Quintet. Following worship, Former U.S. Representative and beloved member of the Chancel Choir, David Skaggs will join Tim Wirth in a community conversation. Note the time - 10:00 am - and the place - Frasier Meadow, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder.