



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



Celebration Sunday

September 8, 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.

CHILDCARE is available with Laura in the nursery.

CHILDREN and **YOUTH** (grades 6+) will remain for All Ages Worship.

We have a **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** in the Sanctuary 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.

Through **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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STAFF

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

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Renee Loewen *Accountant* | Anne Martinez *Director of Children and Youth Music*

Jessica Kressin, *Chancel Choir Accompanist* | Christine Teng *Youth Choirs Accompanist*

Laura Bowen *Child Care Coordinator* | Angie Dickinson Mickle *AV and Event Specialist*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Gather Us In
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

A. Roberts

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Lianna Campos

Gracious God,
 we come to worship giving thanks
 not only for our days,
 but for what you fill them with:
 the spray of light, the play of seasons,
 the labors of love, the reach toward justice,
 the joy of beauty, and every glimpse of your glory.
 We are grateful to be alive!
 We rejoice in your presence,
 and we give thanks for the good company of kindred hearts
 who gather here, past, present, and future.
 As we journey together along the pilgrim way,
 may we bring forth grace from grace.
 May we shine the light of radiant gladness,
 and may the life of Christ be made visible in us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13: 1-8, 31-34

SERMON Critical Yeast

CALL TO PRAYER Seed, Scattered and Sown
(please remain seated)

Refrain C All G Am F G C C7

Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;

F G C Am Dm7 G G7

bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv - ing bread of God.

C G Am F G C C7 F G

Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is

C Am Dm7 C Dm7 G C Fine

shared by all, the liv - ing cup, the liv - ing bread of God.

THE 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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERTORY

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (785)

*We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This congregation practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate.

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The congregation seated in the sanctuary is invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion elements. Please take the bread that is given to you, dip it into the cup and eat immediately.

Or if you prefer, cups with both bread and juice are available on the table to the side for you to pick up.

The cups are filled with grape juice. The bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION HYMN

For Everyone Born

E Leader or All *A2*

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E *A2* *Bsus* *B*

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,

F#m7 *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus*

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,

E *Bsus* *E* *Bsus*

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,

Refrain *B All* *E* *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E *E/G#* *A2* *Bsus* *B*

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m *C#m/B* *A2*

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus *B* *(E)* *Fine* *A2* *E* *Bsus* *B*

jus-tice and joy!

**2. For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair. Refrain**

Refrain

And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, Compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!

**3. For those we neglect, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for those we neglect, the right to belong. Refrain**

**4. For all who have breath, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for all who have breath, the chalice of grace. Refrain**

**5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. Refrain**

COMMUNION SONG

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
keep us faithful to your will.

Go with us to the streets, to our homes,
to our places of labor and leisure,
so that whether we are gathered or scattered,
we may be the servant church of the servant Christ,
in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*HYMN 181

You are the Salt of the Earth

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Party in Jericho

K. Ingram, J.Milton, H. Olson

from ARTS Camp musical, *What's Up, Zak?* 2024 ARTS Camp Singers, Faith Singers, and Joyful Noise

Everyone wants to go to the party in Jericho!
We'll put on a show. Spread the news to
everyone you know, there's a party in Jericho!

Never met this man named Jesus.
We hear he's working miracles;
Now he's coming here!
We must make our best impression.
What says welcome better than
the party of the year!

Everyone wants to go...

Nothin' but the best for Jesus.
We'll dress up in our finest clothes:
everything's first rate!
We'll be sure that when he sees us,
He will have no doubt the town
of Jericho is great!

Everyone wants to go...

HAPPENING TODAY

A Native American Feast Church Picnic - Today at 11:45 AM - Foothills Community Park

Join us after worship for a church picnic of traditional Osage recipes and ingredients, catered by Tocabe American Indian Eatery in Denver. The menu will include Indian fry bread, wild rice, corn and tomato salsas, black and pinto beans, chicken and bison. Vegan and gluten-free options will be available. We'll meet in the shelter at Foothills Community Park, 800 Cherry Avenue next to the playground. Face painting, balloon animals, great food, and great company!

FCC Get Out the Vote 2024 Campaign - Today, Before and After Worship - The Link

Join the FCC Social Justice Ministries on Sunday, September 8, in the Link after Worship to continue our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. This week we continue writing non-partisan letters and postcards in swing states to engage voters who historically have not voted. You will be trained on the spot. Participate in GOTV and have an impact on democracy. Contact Caitlin Smith (csmitty12@gmail.com)

Youth Group: Youth Room Makeovers - Today from 5 - 6:30 PM - Faith Cave

As we get ready to launch our 2024-2025 Youth Groups, come and help set our rooms up for the new year! We'll reimagine, organize, and decorate the Faith Cave and Grace Gallery and then have a Sundae bar to celebrate. All youth grades 6-12 are invited. Contact: Lianna Campos at lianna@firstcong.net

The Small Groups Booklet is Ready!

Join a Book Group or Bible study, write your memoir or a poem, talk about a movie, make music, do justice, enjoy conversation at Men's Breakfast, Women's Spirituality, Wonder Women, X Women, Fellowship of the Grape, the LGBTQ and Allies Lunches, and more. Our Small Groups booklet will tell you everything you need to know to join a group. Print versions are available in the Link and online at firstcong.net. Several of the Groups will be represented at a Small Groups Fair on Sunday, September 15 after 10:30 AM Worship in Plymouth Hall

Forum: Home Electrification & Electric Vehicles - Sunday, 9/15 at 9:15 AM - Standish Room

Have you considered electrifying your home or buying an electric vehicle? The Climate Action Team (CAT) invites you on Sunday morning, 9/15 at 9:15am to hear Julia Moravcsik of Go Electric Colorado discuss all things electric including heat pumps, solar panels, induction stoves, and electric vehicles. Join us to learn and better care for all of creation! For more information contact Bill Young (wwyou01@gmail.com). Childcare provided.

Family Night Sunday, 9/15 - 4 PM Nursery Play, 5 PM Dinner, 5:45 Programs

It's our first Family Night of the semester! Join for a variety of programs for all ages centered around a meal for everyone. Prior to dinner, the nursery is open for parents and 0-PreK children for some free-play and chatting with Lianna. All families are invited to dinner at 5, and then we'll split into different age groups for programs! To register, disclose any dietary restrictions, and view the the full event description here (<https://tinyurl.com/5cunpp58>). Contact: Lianna Campos at lianna@firstcong.net

Heartsaver First Aid CPR and AED Training - Tuesday, 9/17, 6 to 8 PM - Grace Gallery

Join Kelly McDevitt from First Cong's Safety Team for this important emergency training, which include three hours of online learning and two hours of hands on skills. This American Heart Association course trains participants to provide First Aid, CPR, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. There is a \$22 fee for the online learning component, but the rest is a gift to us from Kelly. Sign up to participate and to receive the link to the online learning course here... (<https://tinyurl.com/y9e6umze>)

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup - Saturday, 9/21 from 9 to 11 AM

We will meet on Lefthand Canyon Road next to the Greenbriar Inn. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend for this fun intergenerational event that helps keep our community clean. You might find a \$1 bill as Sarah Schulte did! Questions: Contact Monika Rutkowski at mrutkowski_1@hotmail.com or 303-501-7615.