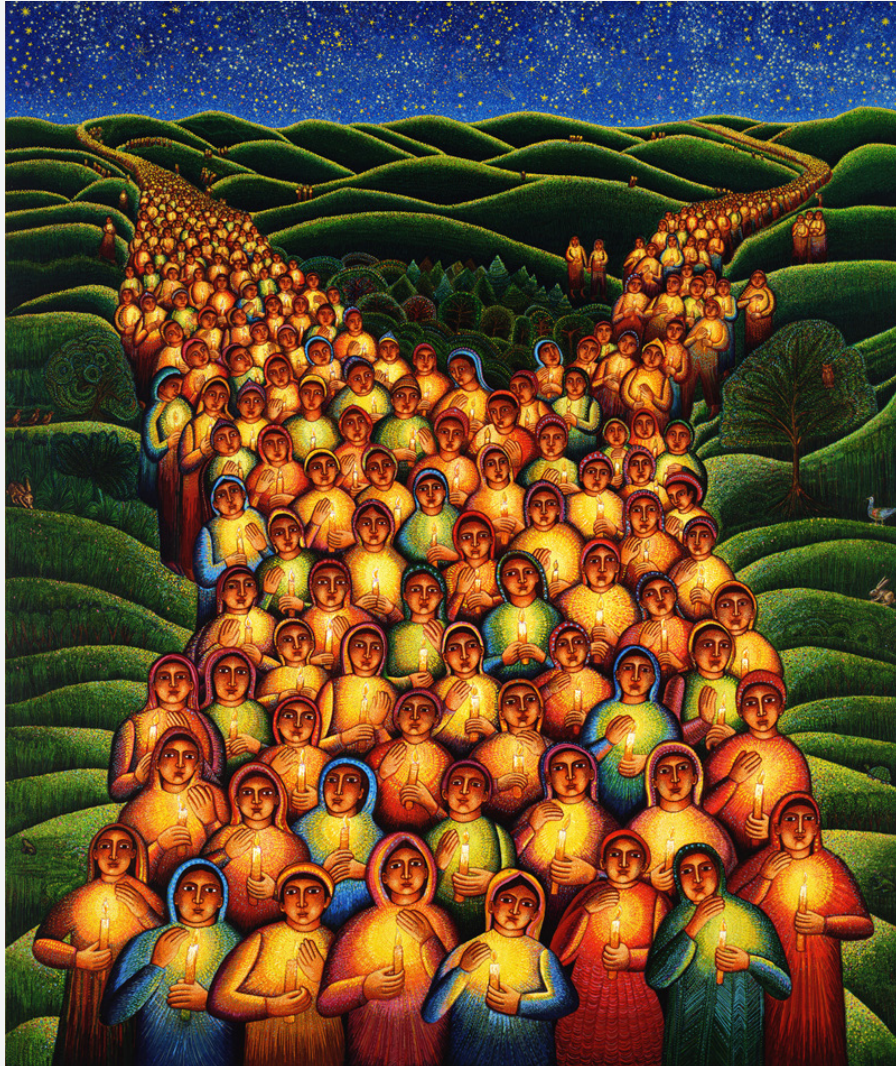




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



A Season of Prayer

September 29, 2024 | 10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Improvisation on God Reigns O'er All the Earth
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

SERVICE OF BLESSING

Sam Bauman
Kajsa Teitelbaum
Lianna Campos

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN 21

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God,
We need your living presence, so come to us and stay.
Sing to us of your mercy.
Whisper to us of your love.
Draw near to tell us of your hope for us,
your desire for the earth's healing and wholeness.
Be as hands upon us and revive us by your care.
Be as warmth within us and fire us with courage.
Be as strength beside us and bring companions for our journey.
Abide in our prayers, the spoken and unspoken,
and teach us to listen for the movement of your Spirit in our lives.
Write your covenant of love upon our hearts,
and call us into your service.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

WITNESS

Get Out the Vote

Caitlin Smith

ANTHEM

Seasons of Love
from Rent
Rebecca Flintoft, Anne Martinez,
Jeanne Quinn, Kajsa Teitelbaum

J. Larson

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?*

*In daylights, in sunsets
In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles
In laughter, in strife*

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

*In five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in the life?*

*How about love?
Measure in love
Seasons of love*

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand journeys to plan
Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure the life of a woman or a man?*

*It's time now to sing out
Though the story never ends
Let's celebrate
Remember a year in the life of friends
Remember the love
Remember the love, remember the love*

*Measure in love
Seasons of love*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Riihimaki, Alan Thornton

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
Chancel Choir, Dean Fowler, tenor
Audio and Video, Sam Bauman
from February, 2021

African American Spiritual
arr. D. Kallman

Children and Youth may go to Church School on the lower level of the FAITH Center.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-9

REFLECTION

A Season of Prayer

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

CALL TO PRAYER

When I Breathe in Peace

***When I breathe in, I breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.***

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERTORY

Prayer
Chancel Choir, Christine Teng, piano
Kajsa Teitelbaum, director

R. Clausen

*Help me spread your fragrance wherever I go.
Flood my soul with your Spirit and Life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
That my life may be only a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me and be so in me
That every soul I know will feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me,
But only You.*

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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 19

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

organ

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concerto in A minor
I. Allegro

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) organ

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.

CHILDCARE is available with Laura in the nursery.

CHILDREN and **YOUTH** (grades 6+) Elementary Children & Youth Begin in Worship to be Released to Church School.

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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ENVELOPE

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HAPPENING TODAY

Finding Meaning and Purpose in Our Later Years - Today from 9:15 – 10:15 AM - Standish Room

Join us for the Ministry of Last Things (MLT) FORUM. Frederick Buechner wrote that “vocation is where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” We’ll discuss the importance of finding meaning in our lives in post-retirement and/or when we need to step back. This includes dealing with the grief that life transitions bring, and how to identify passions and forge new and fresh identities as we age.

Newcomers Coffee - Today at 11:45 AM - Heritage Room

Are you new to the First Congregational Church community, looking to find out more, and get better connected? Join us on Sunday, September 29, after 10:30 AM worship to get to know some of ministers and leaders at FCC, ask any questions you may have, learn more about the many ways you can get involved, and if you’re interested, find out how you can join us as a member. Can’t attend this time? Another one is on the calendar on Sunday, November 3. Childcare is available.

Youth QSA Kick-Off - Today from 6:30-7:45 PM

Welcome to our brand-new, youth-led Queer-Straight Alliance! All middle and high school youth are invited to our first meeting to learn more about the group, help pick a name, and plan our first fundraiser. Our group will meet monthly and will focus on supporting our youth across diverse gender identities and sexual orientations. Any questions? Contact Lianna at lianna@firstcong.net.

SEASON OF PRAYER

Prayer Booklet

Each week, during our Season of Prayer, you are invited to pick up a Prayer Booklet of Scripture, prayers, poetry, and art to prompt your reflection and accompany you through the week. If you know of reading or have a photograph you would like to contribute to this offering of edifying words and beauty, please send it to Chris Braudaway-Bauman at chris@firstcong.net. The booklet is available to you in print form in the narthex of the sanctuary or online at <https://tinyurl.com/475f6hww>.

Contemplative Prayer Worship

Thursday Evenings, Starting 10/3 from 6 to 6:45 PM - Chapel

Gather in the Chapel for a weekly service of silence, quiet singing, candlelight and a time for you to speak the prayers and concerns of your hearts. We imagine it as our version of Quaker meeting, a time of silent listening with an open-ended invitation for worshipers to speak as the Spirit moves them and followed by a prayer response.

Prayer Walks - Starting, Tuesday October 1 at 3 PM

Every 5 days, during our Season of Prayer, church member Jane Ireland will lead a Prayer Walk in city and town centers in Boulder, Lafayette, Louisville, and Superior. **The second walk, on Saturday, October 5, at 2 PM** on the Caribou Ranch trail, is planned especially for families. The last two walks, in Chautauqua and the Flagstaff Summit, are planned as prayer walks for the state of Colorado and facing east towards Washington, D.C. Join Jane for as many walks as fit your interest and schedule. Find more information online at - <https://tinyurl.com/3y6s8rau>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retreat: Spiritual Support for Grief - Saturday, 10/5 from 10 AM - 3 PM - Sugarloaf Mountain

Join Bill Forbes and Jean Manifesto for a five-hour contemplative retreat where those experiencing loss can come together, walk a labyrinth, and support one another in our journey. The loss can be recent, in the near or distant past, an anticipated loss for those supporting a loved one, or a loss of another sort such as loss of health or home. For more details and/or to register email Linda at linda@firstcong.net

Racial Justice Ministry Forum: Amache - Sunday, 10/6 at 9:15 AM - Plymouth Hall

We will welcome Gil Asakawa, retired Denver Post reporter and author of Being Japanese-American. He will present on the topic of Japanese-Americans in Colorado. This presentation and discussion will help us prepare for the upcoming Pilgrimage to Southeast Colorado which includes the Amache Japanese Internment camp near Granada.

Knitting Ministry - Tuesday, 10/8 at 1:30 PM - Heritage Room

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and anyone who is interested in learning to knit --prayer shawls, baby blankets, senior high school blankets and items for Knitting for Peace. Bring your knitting and join us. Contact jestroh@comcast.net or almaalber3@gmail.com.

Save the Date ONA Sunday - Sunday, 10/13 at 10:30 AM Worship

"What the Bible Says About Homosexuality"

Join FCC on Sunday, October 13 as we celebrate 37 years of being and Open and Affirming Congregation (ONA). Dr. Emily Askew will preach and lead a workshop following Worship on what the Bible says about homosexuality by addressing "the clobber passages," verses in the Bible that have been used by many Christians to exclude and condemn those in the LGBTQ+ Community. A light lunch will be provided. *Please RSVP for lunch at <https://tinyurl.com/n2dx8nyx>*

Crop Hunger Walk - Sunday, 10/20, 2:00 PM Walk Starting (Cairn Christian Church, Lafayette)

The Crop Hunger Walk raises funds and awareness for Community Food Share, committed to helping feed people in need in our community, and Church World Service, who provide disaster relief around the world. If you can't walk, please donate to our team at <https://tinyurl.com/38623n3x>, and stop by the Crop Walk Table at church to learn more. Contact Team Capt. Denise Cone (denise.cone@msn.com).