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## In the Midst of New Dimensions

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Rhosymedre  
Kajsa Teitelbaum

R. Vaughn Williams

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

## MACKENZIE LECTURESHIP INTRODUCTION

Andrew Nicholson  
Ann Smith

## PASSING THE PEACE

## HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Song Leaders: Judy Cardell, Kirk Nordstrom,  
Stewart Hoover, Allison Hamm

*Descant*

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,  
2 I sing the good - ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea - tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Oh, how your won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:  
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

May Christ who shimmers in all creation  
surprise you each day with glittering moments,  
when you can see again how Light lives in everything,  
how it partners with dark soil to bring forth aster and lavender,  
rosemary and daffodils,  
a hundred kinds of squash,  
kale and cabbage,  
apple and berry,  
grapes sweetened by the sun.  
How the dough you knead in your hands  
is an alchemy of touch and time,  
how everything is a call to communion  
– the wafer of moon, a chalice of stars.  
Let the Mystery of it all dance in your heart,  
always widening your horizons,  
inhabiting new landscapes. Amen.

## HYMN

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1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,



Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?  
Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?



God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5: 36-39

SERMON

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HYMN

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3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, We your

peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pedro Silva

PRAYER OF JESUS

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

Adaptation by J. Philip Newell

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

HYMN

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky  
Judy Cardell, Kirk Nordstrom, Stewart Hoover, Allison Hamm

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers  
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for  
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -  
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and  
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -  
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -  
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that  
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that  
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G minor

D . Kellner (1670-1748)

## YOUR GIVING

In this time when we are physically apart, the ministry of the church continues. Thank you for the ways we support each other. To make a payment on your pledge or a contribution to the church, you may:

Write a check to the church and mail it to First Congregational Church Boulder, 1128 Pine St. Boulder, CO 80302

To pay electronically, sign in to your account in Realm, the church's database, where you may make an ACH payment from your bank account or contribute by credit card.

Or contribute by Text-to-Give by texting to 73256 with the message joy2givefcc

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## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/349641499>

Following worship, meet church members and friends at a Zoom Party for a time of fellowship. (Bring your own coffee).

## MACKENZIE LECTURESHIP EVENTS | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 5:00-6:30 PM ON ZOOM

The MacKenzie Lectureship welcomes Larry Rasmussen, Ph.D., environmental theologian and the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He will preach on Sunday morning Worship at 10:30 am and speak with Patty Limerick and Marty Hoerling in a panel conversation moderated by Kirk Nordstrom from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. To Register... <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZDU5ZDE0MmUtNThjMy00ZGU1LTkzMzctYWw1ZjAxN2I2YWw0>

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE | DONATIONS ARE WEEK OF NOV. 16-20

Participate in our monthly Food Drive to help your neighbors in need through the Emergency Family Assistance Association. EFAA's current most wanted items are rice, spaghetti sauce, hearty canned stews, chili, pork and beans, eggs, paper towels, dish soap, toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo. Any donation of food, including perishables in good condition, and household items are appreciated. Look for details in the Friday Weekly email.

## PROCESSING GRIEF | NOVEMBER 22 AT NOON - ZOOM

Join members of the Ministry of Last Things, Louisa Young and Pedro Silva on November 22 at noon for a forum that reflects on the process of grief. Grief touches each of us in different ways. Although there is no right or wrong way to grieve, how we process it can have lasting implications. In this forum and conversation we will look at the stages of grief made famous by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross as well as *The Mourning After* by John Pavlovitz.

## SAWYER ORGAN CONCERT: DAVID CHERWIEN | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 5 PM YOUTUBE

In this time when we are missing our singing together, we are honored to welcome David Cherwien to lead us in an online hymn festival. The music director of the National Lutheran Choir, David Cherwien is a nationally known conductor, composer and organist, recognized for his contributions to the field of church music and liturgy.

## MINDFUL WORKS HOLIDAY TREATS

Our mission partner Mindful Works is selling treats of pecan honey pie, created under the instruction of James Beard-awarded chef Diana Hoguet, who led the program participants in a Zoom cooking class. These little bundles are a perfect size for gift-giving, business appreciation, or employee thank you items – or for your own enjoyment. See [www.mindful-works.org](http://www.mindful-works.org), or call (720) 466-0532. Mindful Works provides job-driven training and real employment opportunities to those in recovery from mental health challenges.

## SIGN UP NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S VERY SPECIAL OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We will film our children & middle schoolers this year with a Christmas Pageant staged at the Skaggs Farm on Saturday, December 5th AND it will be the worship service for the 4th Sunday of Advent. For safety, we will video the groups at assigned times to limit the number of people present at any one time. We are looking for the Baby Jesus and the Holy Family! Have you recently had a baby in your family? If you know of an infant and parents who would portray the Holy family please let Deborah know! [deborah@firstcong.net](mailto:deborah@firstcong.net)