



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



You Know the Way: Abraham Went

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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 & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will move to Zoom at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. Links for Pre/K, Elementary, and Youth will be in the Friday Weekly and Sunday Newsletters. Ginger, Deborah and Calvin will lead these sessions. Children/Youth Choir will meet with Julia at 10:30 am over Zoom.

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 your financial support. Thank you! Contribute **BY CHECK** to the church and mail to: First Congregational Church Boulder, 1128 Pine St. Boulder, CO 80302. Contribute by **TEXT-TO-GIVE** by texting: 73256 with the message joy2givefcc. Contribute **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.

STAFF

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Pedro Silva *Associate Minister*
Rev. Deborah Voss *Director of Christian Education* | Dr. Kajsa Teitelbaum *Director of Music*
Calvin Hardy *Director of Youth Ministries* | Linda Kowatch *Seminary Intern*
Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist* | Renee Loewen *Accountant*
Julia Wirth *Director of Children's Music* | Jessica Kressin *Chancel Choir Accompanist*
Boheng Wang *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*
Angie Dickinson Mickle and Sam Botnick | *Lead AV Techs*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "Many Are the Lightbeams"

WELCOME

Rev. Pedro Senhorinha Silva II

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Kowatch

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
There are times when we are filled with joy and hope,
and other times when we are sad and scared.
There are times when we laugh and times when we weep.
There are times when we are confident and strong,
and times when we are unsure and weak.
We are a people of many beginnings and endings,
We are a people of many hellos and goodbyes.
Within God's time we each find our little times—
our memories, our concerns for today, our hopes for the future.
Within God's Story we each find our little stories —
our thousands of deaths and our thousands of resurrections.
Throughout all of life, God is with us.
We cannot escape God's Presence.
God always holds us in holy love.
Let us rejoice and give thanks to the God of abundant grace!

HYMN

I Woke Up This Morning
Sarah Hess

Leader (Unison) *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

SCRIPTURE	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-10	
SERMON	Abraham Went	Pedro S. Silva II
SOLO	Will You Answer? Kajsa Teitelbaum	Z. Shabbazz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand Version)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

FAREWELL CELEBRATION AND THANKGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF REV. PEDRO S. SILVA II

Amanda Brown, Darren O'Connor, John Edlin, Diana Shellenberger, Jane Strohm,
Karen Cumbo, John Edlin, Darren O'Connor, Diana Shellenberger, Amanda Brown

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERVICE OF FAREWELL

Rev. Erin Gilmore, Associate Conference Minister of the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC
Karen Cumbo, Moderator, First Congregational Church

RECOGNITION OF RELEASE

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

PRAYER OF RELEASE

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Many Are the Lightbeams
Sarah Hess

Em Em7 Am B7 Em Am

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one
2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one
3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the
4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant
5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; mem - bers

light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams
tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es
gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,
spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the
all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

from the one light; we are one in Christ.
of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
love is all one; we are one in Christ.
Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Change Is Gonna Come
Asha Romeo

S. Cooke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Reception in Pedro's Honor (Now on Zoom Only)

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6n4yx2> - Meeting ID: 349 641 499 Passcode: MEETING

Following the Sunday morning worship service, you are invited to attend an online reception where you will have the opportunity to say farewell to Pedro. Originally we planned to offer two receptions, the first on Zoom and the second in person. Because of Omicron, we are changing our plan to hold just one reception, on Zoom immediately following Sunday morning worship. Join that meeting here. It's also not too late to write a note or card for Pedro and bring it to the church office. These messages of gratitude will be presented to Pedro during the Farewell Celebration.

Special Offering for Marshall Fire Relief

As our congregation joins the wider community to support all those who lost their homes and in last week's fire, we invite you to contribute to a Special Offering for Fire Relief. Most of what we receive will be forwarded to the Boulder Community Foundation to support their enormous efforts in helping households recover. A modest portion of your gifts will fill what we call "Pastors Purse," a discretionary fund that enables your pastors to respond immediately to needs that come directly to the church. You may donate here or send a check to First Congregational Church with Fire Relief in the memo.

<https://onrealm.org/firstcong/-/form/give/now>

The Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health and Wellness...

invites those who are living with mental-health challenges as well as their family and friends. This confidential, non-denominational group welcomes all faith traditions (or none) and provides a safe and comfortable environment in which to share experiences and gain support. We meet on the second and the fourth Mondays of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more information and link to meetings, contact anne.weiher@gmail.com

On Your Doorstep...

FWill you be home between January 16 through January 19? If yes - great! You will receive a fun gift on your doorstep. If not - please tell us more so we can be sure to get your Gift Bag to you in another way.

Click below OR call the church office to let us know (303-442-1787 x0).

<https://tinyurl.com/wekzk9jm>

Gift Bag Delivery Anyone?

Your Stewardship Team would love to have your help making touch-less deliveries of small gift bags to 8 other FCC households. Pick up of the bags will be Sunday, January 16 and delivery between Jan 16 and 19 at your convenience. If you can help us out, please click below to fill out this form.

<https://tinyurl.com/4h362z35>