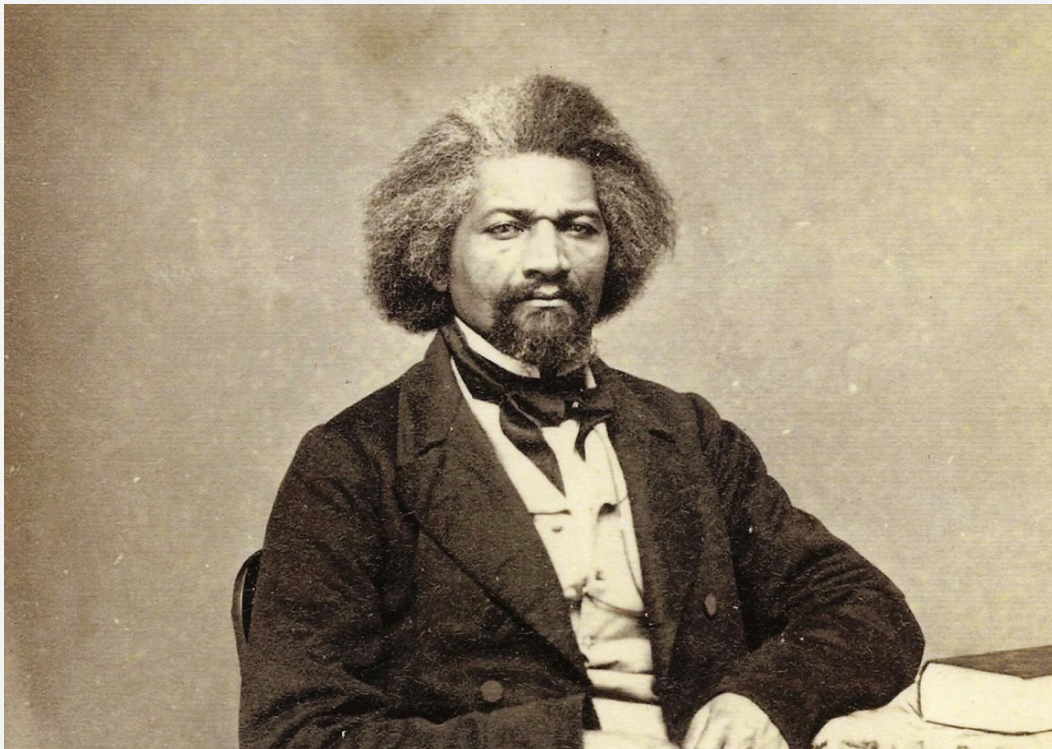




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



A Passion for Freedom

June 19, 2022 | 9:30 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.

The flowers this morning are given by Stewart & Karen Hoover in joyous celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Summer office hours are 9 am to 2 pm. If you need to visit the church or speak to Julie Griffiths please plan to come by during those hours.

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN starts in the Toddler Room (Downstairs in the Faith Center & to the right) before Worship. Pre/K children are exploring Creation with creation activities on the playground.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN will start in worship with their parents and will leave as indicated in the bulletin. During the Summer we will do creative projects that help our Earth!

COVID PROTOCOLS: The use of high-quality masks is strongly recommended in worship and meetings.

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.

If you would like to **DEDICATE FLOWERS** in a loved one's honor or memory for an upcoming Sunday service, please contact Elise Burnor, flowers@firstcong.net or 720-745-8454.

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 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.



IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT?

Please scan the QR and have a look around our website, be sure to sign up for our weekly email.

STAFF

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

Rev. Deborah Voss *Director of Christian Education* | Dr. Kajsa Teitelbaum *Director of Music*

Calvin Hardy *Director of Youth Ministries* | 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

Hour of Peace
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

Florence B. Price

WELCOME

Rev. Linda Kowatch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of all people is present,
And God is worthy of our praise.
Come; remember the great things God has done for us.
May we not forget to teach our children the greatness of God.
May we not forget our past and those who have gone before us.
We remember our ancestors, our history, our Africa;
We name our future in God's name,
A future where all of God's children thrive and live in freedom.
Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise,
and open our hearts in gratitude.
Let us greet God with our worship on this day.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #572

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
Rebecca Flintoff, song leader

VISUAL PRAYER

Martin Luther King Jr's Prayer for the Church
The Work of the People

FIRST READING

Exodus 5.1-9

SECOND READING

Luke 1.47-55

Rev. Mark Pickett

SERMON

A Passion for Freedom:
A Biographical Sermon on the life of Frederick Douglass

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*HYMN

Wade in the Water

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
 wade in the wa - ter, God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.
 The lead - er looks like the
 Looks like the band that
 The Ho - ly Ghost a -
 Just fol - low me down to
 Is - rael - ite,
 Mo - ses led,
 com - ing on me, God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.
 Jor - dan's stream,

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INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

MISSION MOMENT	The Reentry Initiative (TRI)	
OFFERTORY	Keep Your Eyes On the Prize	P. Seeger

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God for all that love has done;
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 Almighty God,
 We praise you for the many gifts you have given us:
 breath of life, your church, all that we have and all that we are.
 We offer these gifts back to you.
 Use these resources and our lives to support works of justice and peace
 so that all of your children are free.
 In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #471 What a Covenant

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	God's Eye Is On the Sparrow Rebecca Flintoff, vocals and cello	arr. R. Flintoff
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Safety Team Mask Recommendation

Boulder continues to be categorized as RED on the COVID-19 Community Levels, therefore the COVID Safety Team strongly recommends the use of high-quality masks in worship and all meetings. Coffee Hour will remain on the Plaza and we encourage alternative options when refreshments are being served at gatherings. Please offer Zoom only or hybrid options at meetings. Thank you for caring for one another by wearing a mask. If you are feeling ill at all, please remember that our livestream worship is a safe option to protect others. For more info on Boulder County recommendations click here. (<https://tinyurl.com/2zted53h>).

Community Coffee Hour

Join us on the Plaza following worship for community coffee hour.

The Reentry Initiative (TRI)

The Reentry Initiative (TRI) is a community partner that receives support from our benevolence funds. TRI provides wraparound reentry support to those transitioning from incarceration into our community. They also work to reduce the stigma of incarceration through education, outreach, advocacy, and mission-aligned partnerships. To learn more about TRI: <https://www.reentryinitiative.org>

LGBTQIA+ and Allies Lunch Bunch

On the 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the worship service LGBTQIA+ Persons and Allies will go to a restaurant for food, fun and fellowship. Each person is responsible to purchase their own lunch. To RSVP and find out the restaurant location please email linda@firstcong.net by 4pm on the Friday prior to the 3rd Sunday. If you are a visitor and would like to **join us today**, please see Linda following the service. We would love for you to join us!

Juneteenth Community Celebration - Sunday, June 19 from 1 – 6 pm at Roosevelt Park

The Racial Justice Ministry invites you to attend the Juneteenth Celebration in Longmont. A group of us will gather near the Rose Garden. This event is presented by the NAACP Boulder County Branch and is supported by several of our ministry partners. Text Matt Hess at 254-640-0389

Reflections on Democracy's Moral Imperative with Former U.S. Senator Gary Hart

Sunday, July 3 - 9:30 am Worship and 10:45 am Conversation

Join us in person and online for worship as we welcome Gary Hart, U.S. Senator from Colorado (1975-1987), and former Presidential candidate. During worship at 9:30 am, Senator Hart will offer "Reflections on Democracy's Moral Imperative." Following the service, former U.S. Representative David Skaggs will moderate a conversation with Senator Hart as together we explore our democratic ideals and renew our aspirations.



Pick a Party Signups!

Sign up for one or more of our pick a party signups! Peruse all of the awesome events being hosted by members of our congregation in support of our high school mission trip. Check out all of the parties available so far and get signed up with the QR code.

The Great and Small Guide - Summer Devotional for the Kid in All of Us

The Great and Small Guide, a sabbatical gift from Chris B-B, is full of ideas for answering summer's call of delight. Written by the amazing Rev. Quinn Caldwell, who will be with us in person on Sundays, July 10 and 17, the Guide is organized around 6 toe-tapping songs from the band, Butterflyfish. To access the songs see the Friday Weekly email. Each song brings a biblical story or idea to life, and is a springboard for activities everyone can enjoy. The e-reader can also be found in the Friday Weekly email, or pick up a paper copy next time you're at church.

The McMane Arts Ministry Presents "In Plein Air" - Summer Exhibit

The McMane Arts Ministry presents "In Plein Air", an Art Exhibit now up in the Heritage Room and our Link galleries for the summer. The Link is open from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday.

Another FCCB Small Group This Summer! - Thursday Evenings, June and July - Heritage Room and on Zoom
Beginning mid-June, we will begin a small group which views and discusses one of the most popular TV series in the history of public television -- the 1989 PBS documentary series Joseph Campbell and The Power of Myth with Bill Moyers. We meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in person and streaming online on Thursday evenings, June 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, & 21. Contact Kevin Pettit at kevin.pettit@comcast.net

Celebrate 2022 Graduates! - June, 20 from 11 am - 1 pm at Boulder High School Auditorium
The NAACP Boulder County Branch is hosting a special celebration to honor Black-identifying 2022 graduates from Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley School Districts. Let's fill up Boulder High's auditorium with joy and celebration. Please also consider making a donation below in honor of our 2022 graduates to support gifts to graduates. 100% of your donation will go directly to graduating students. <https://tinyurl.com/53nbz4yy>

Super Summer Sabbatical - See the Full Summer Schedule Here (<https://tinyurl.com/4z5vu4e3>)
While Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman is on sabbatical she will be participating in several learning opportunities, the congregation will also have its own exciting opportunities to learn and grow this summer!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Soup Kitchen is June 26 from 9:00 - 2:00 pm
We need your help! Soup Kitchen is next Sunday (6/26) and we need volunteers to provide hot meals for our neighbors in Boulder. We will train you on the spot, so please join us! The first shift is 9:00-11:30am and you will help prepare food and serve it. The second shift is 11:30a-2:00pm and you will serve food and clean up. Sign up here as an individual, family or small group. Only adults can be recorded in the volunteer count, but teens & children are welcome. If you have questions about Soup Kitchen contact: Soo Rhee soo.rhee@colorado.edu
For more information click here (<https://tinyurl.com/4yrbcv5a>)

Mindful Works Seeks Volunteers - <https://mindful-works.org/>
Mindful Works, our Mission Partner, seeks volunteers to assist with their summer sales. Can you volunteer -3 hours a week to assist with cutting, sewing or assembly, of Poufs/ottomans, meditation cushions, bags and cookies? Contact susan@mindful-works.org

BCL Refreshments
The Board of Community Life needs cookies and other refreshments for Coffee Hour. All you need to do is signup below and drop them off before the start of the service. <https://tinyurl.com/3bun38cz>

Welcoming Ushers
We need people to serve as Ushers for the worship service. This is not a difficult job and The Board of Spiritual Life will train you. You can find out more information and sign up for multiple Sundays or for one Sunday to give it a try. Sign up here (<https://tinyurl.com/4fpwey4s>)

Help Support Afghan Refugee Family
Members of FCC, Trinity Lutheran & Community UCC have joined together to support an Afghan refugee family that came to Colorado in Feb. 2022. We are helping them integrate into the Boulder County community through African Community Center (ACC). There are volunteer opportunities of providing transportation and more. No training is required. Teens are welcome too. Please contact Allison Hamm 316-259-5682 for information.

Homeless Cares
Homeless Cares works to fill a gap in social services in Boulder for unsheltered neighbors by providing access to a healthy breakfast, showers and a laundromat. Each Wednesday AM they serve approximately 50 people at the bandshell oatmeal, muffins, parfaits, fresh fruit, burritos & coffee. They also drive 5-6 people to the YMCA for a shower. On Thursdays they provide transportation to a laundromat. Volunteers are needed. For more information contact Monika Rutkowsk - mrutkowski_1@hotmail.com