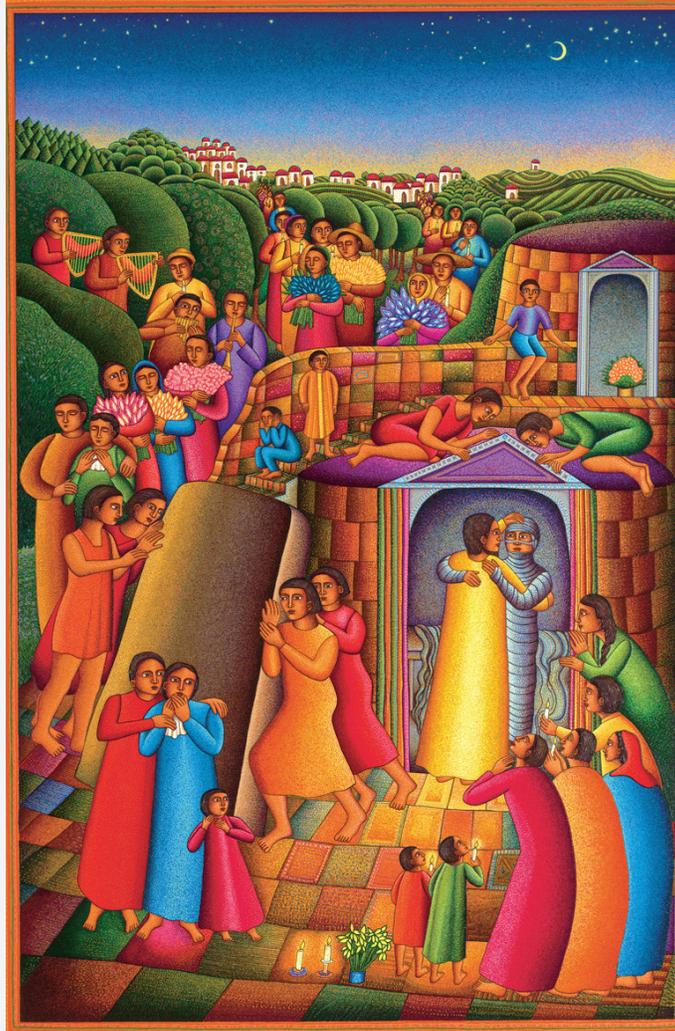




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



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Fifth Sunday of Lent “The Resurrection and The Life”

March 26, 2023 | 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.

If you would like to **DEDICATE FLOWERS** in a loved one's honor or memory for an upcoming Sunday service, please contact Stephanie Angell at flowers@firstcong.net. Also, people may contribute for flowers using this giving form. <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/give/flowers>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm. If you need to visit the church or speak with Julie Griffiths please plan to come by during those hours.

INFANTS, TODDLERS, PRE-K & K meet with Miss Ginger (lower level).

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN start in Worship, and may leave worship as indicated in the bulletin.

MS & HS YOUTH at 10:30 am start in the Grace Gallery on the Lower Level (left of the stairs/elevator).

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 through our financial support.

You may contribute **BY CHECK** to the church, First Congregational Church Boulder.

Contribute by **TEXT-TO-GIVE** by texting: 73256 with the message joy2givefcc.

Contribute **ONLINE** at - www.firstcong.net/give - click on the Give Now button

Or simply use this QR code...



STAFF

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

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

Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist* | Renee Loewen *Accountant* Julia Wirth *Director of Children's Music* | *Interim Music Staff* - Susan Carl, Jessica Kressin, Patrick Mason

Er-Hsuan Li *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*

Angie Dickinson Mickle and Sam Botnick | *Lead AV Techs*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on New Britain
Dr. Stephen Jon Hamilton, Organist

K. Coe

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN 43

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling,
you are power that uplifts,
truth that cleanses,
and mercy that transforms.

We humbly confess that we have failed to respond fully
to your presence in our lives.

We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength.

We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Our world does not live in peace.

Around us and within us, we see the tragic brokenness of our ways.

Forgive us, we pray. Heal our wounds. Increase our faith.

In the quiet of this hour, knit our hearts to yours.

Live in us that we may live in you . . .

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER IN SONG

There is a Balm in Gilead

African American Spiritual

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e - ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

The first line of musical notation is in G major, 4/4 time. It features a melody on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a half note G3 and a half note B2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e - ad, to heal the sin - sick soul.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first line. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. It features a more complex bass line with eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.

The fourth line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**We bless our children as they leave to go to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE

John 11 *Selected Verses*

SERMON

“The Resurrection and The Life”

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Chancel Choir, Patrick Mason, Director,
Jessica Kressin, Piano

R. Jackson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Linda Kowatch

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love

K. Coe

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Adam Reed, Membership Committee
Carol Hasselbacher, Moderator

Kim Anderson and Carmen Valdes, Pam Archer and Karen Connolly,
Pam Herrera, Jane Ireland, and Laura Koepnick

COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION

With joy, we receive you as members of First Congregational Church.
We welcome you to this progressive Christian Church
committed to faith as a journey, compassionate service, and inclusion of all.
We pray that through loving and being loved,
through serving and being served,
we all may be strengthened by our mutual concern for one another;
and that through our shared witness this church
may faithfully serve the realm of God on earth.

WELCOME SONG

1. Wel - come to this house, _____
o - pen and af - firm - ing.
In God's Son we are__ all one.
Hand in hand we stand. _____
Wel - come to this house, _____ car - ing and ac -
- cept - ing. In God's Son
we are__ all one. Wel - come to this
house of God. _____

COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS TO SELMA AND MONTGOMERY

*HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
all is right:
cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
take your part:

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Litanies

J. Alain

The organist and composer Jehan Alain prefaced "Litanies" with this inscription: "Unable to find words when in distress, the Christian soul implores the mercy of God by repeating the same invocation with vehement faith. Reason reaches its limit; faith alone ascends."

About Dr. Stephen Jon Hamilton - Organist

Long known as a "concert touring organist," Stephen Hamilton has been prominent on the American organ scene for over forty years. The New York Times wrote of Hamilton's performance of the Bach Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor: "Hamilton, as organist at the Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal) obviously knew the instrument's sonorous capabilities and brought them powerfully to bear in a rousing account." The Charleston Daily Mail reviewed: "This performance had to be one of the supreme moments of music making in this year's or any other year's Orgelfest offerings." Throughout his distinguished career, such consistent critical review has earned Hamilton acclaim as a thoroughly engaging and popular personality and has firmly established his reputation as a leading and much sought-after virtuoso.

Sawyer Memorial Organ Concert 2023 - Today at 2 PM (tinyurl.com/2p8mdrhh)

Join us today for a concert featuring renowned organist Stephen Hamilton, performing Marcel Dupré's masterpiece, *Le Chemin de la Croix*, Op. 29 (The Stations of the Cross), accompanied by poetry by Paul Claudel, and art curated by members of our McMane Arts Ministry. The poetry will be read by Nancy Wade and Susan D'Autremont. As we turn our faces toward Holy Week, come and be immersed in music, art, and poetry as we accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross. This event is made possible by the Sawyer Organ Memorial Fund of the First Congregational UCC, Boulder Endowment.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 2

8:30 AM - Worship in Chapel

10:00 AM - Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms Outdoors on Pine Street

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary and Online

Maundy Thursday - April 6

Service of Shadows and Holy Communion

7:00 PM - Worship in Sanctuary and Online

Good Friday - April 7

Service of Scripture and Silence

5:30 PM - Worship in Chapel

Easter - Sunday, April 9

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Extended Musical Preludes at 8:45 and 10:45 AM

(11 AM Worship will also be Online)

Services of Joy with brass and bells concluding with singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Festive fellowship hour between the services. Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is available.

Easter Flowers - Orders Being Accepted Now

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter we are accepting donations for the display of Spring potted plants for the chancel on Easter Morning. You can dedicate flowers In Honor of or In Memory of or you can give anonymously with no message. You can also donate a plant to be given as a Grace Gift. The donation for each plant is \$25. Orders can be placed until Sunday, April 2nd here (<https://tinyurl.com/fccflowers>). If you have questions, please contact julie@firstcong.net

Peace Camp 2023 - Monday-Friday, June 26-30, 9:00-Noon | Ages K-5th Grade

Peace Camp is an ecumenical camp hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian, Longmont UCC, Community UCC, and FCC for children K-5th grade. Our theme is "Become a Changemaker!", an interactive half-day camp where children learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! Using five Bible stories we provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, and imagining a new world.

Cost: \$25/camper. Register (<https://tinyurl.com/campeace>).

Soul Box Project Panels - On Display in the Sanctuary and the Narthex

Around the sanctuary you will see seven panels containing over 800 origami boxes made by our Gun Violence Prevention Team, McMane Arts Ministry and congregation members. Each box represents a life lost due to firearms, including mass shootings, homicides, accidents, and suicides. Each panel displays the number of people who die each day in the US by gun violence. The panel to the front right is a tribute to those killed at King Soopers on March 22, 2021. An additional panel can be seen in the narthex. For more information contact Carol Young at ccyoung2010@gmail.com.

From Afghanistan to “Banistan”: The Rise and Fall of Afghan Art

Our McMane Arts Ministry is honored to host in our gallery hallway and Heritage Room an exhibit of art from Afghanistan, co-curated by Wahid Omar and Jennifer Heath, featuring brilliant photographs of Afghan life by Gloriann Liu and beautiful regional paintings by five Afghan artists in exile or in peril. All proceeds from art purchases go to Afghans 4 Tomorrow, a non-profit organization working on behalf of Afghan women in peril.

Five Points Pilgrimage in Denver - Saturday, 4/22 - 10:00am to 1:30pm

Our Racial Justice Ministry invites you to join a walking tour of the Five Points Historic Cultural District as we learn together about the people, places, and ideas that brought the power of Denver's African-American community to life. This is a repeat of last year's tour. We'll meet at the Blair Caldwell African American Research Library. Terri Gentry, a docent for the Black American West Museum and enthusiastic storyteller of the black experience in Denver, will be our guide. Tickets are \$15. We will have lunch at Tea Lee's Tea House. Sign up <https://tinyurl.com/yymmwsaw>

Outdoor Service Opportunities - Saturday, April 22 or April 29

With Wildlands Restoration Volunteer

In honor of Earth Day, you are invited to join a hands-on service project with our mission partner, Wildlands Restoration. Children age 6 and up with a parent are welcome. On April 22, from 10 am to 2 pm, plant trees and shrubs at Barr Lake State Park in Brighton. On April 29 from 9 am to 4 pm in Big Thompson, Loveland, collect native willows for future Cameron Peak Fire restoration projects. Deadlines for 5 to 8 participants to sign up are Sunday, April 2 and Sunday, April 9 respectively. Contact Jill von Trebra at vontrebrj@comcast.net to save your place!

Save the Dates:

April 16, 2023 Firearm Safety Among Older Adults at Risk of Suicide

featuring former Broncos player Bucky Dilts

April 23, 2023 Climate Justice Worship Service

April 23, 2023 Hike! Bike! Bus! Plus! Sunday