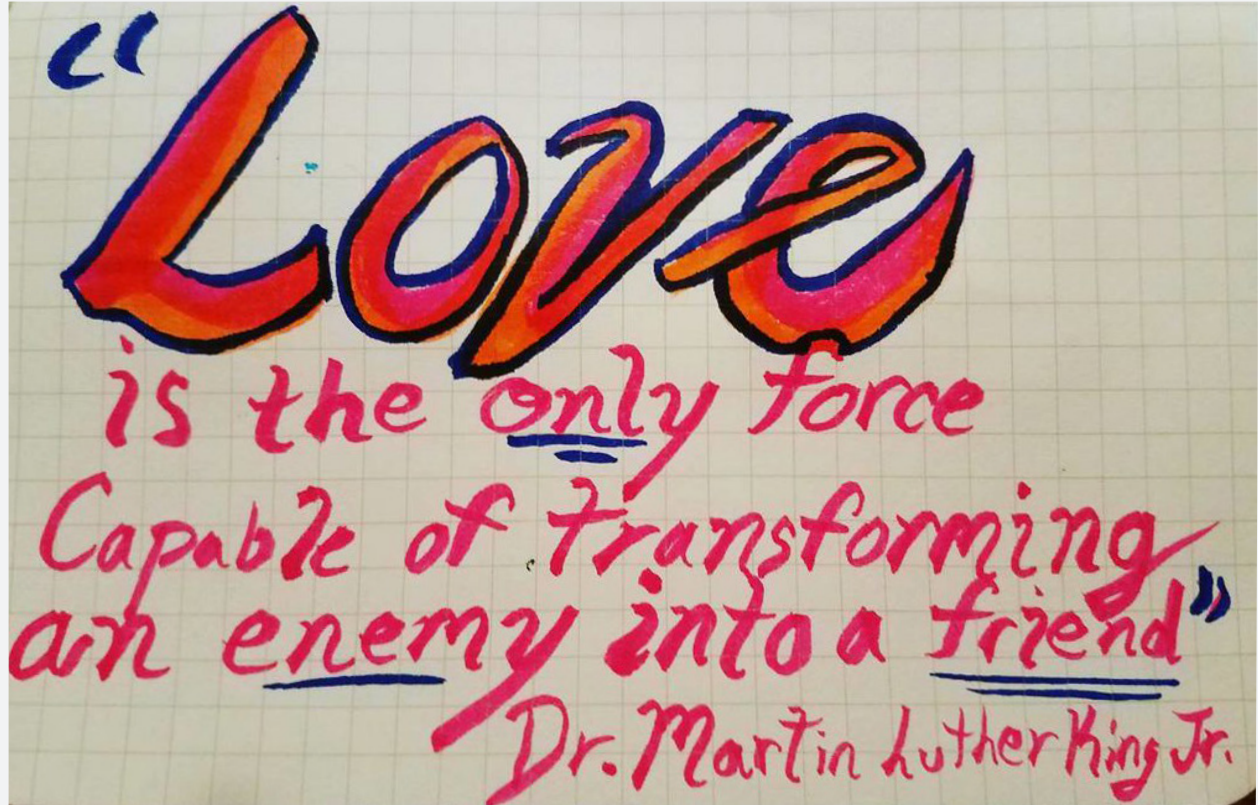




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## Friends, Neighbors, Enemies

July 21, 2024 | 10:00 AM

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Intermezzo Op. 117, No. 1 by Johannes Brahms  
Dr. Er-Hsuan Li

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

One: Welcome to the house of God,

**All: where all are invited, welcomed and belong.**

One: Praise be to God that we are loved and cherished just as we are

**All: and that we can come and worship together as a community of faith.**

One: We praise the Creator for making each of us in God's own image

**All: and together with all of creation we praise God in songs of praise. Amen.**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

## \*HYMN 8

Praise to the Living God  
Signe Myhren, song leader

## INVOCATION

Rev. Margot Pickett

O God, Creator of the diverse and wonder-filled universe:

We recognize that all people are your beloved children  
and that we all are created in your image.

We delight in our diversity that offers glimpses  
of the mosaic of your own beauty.

But we also recognize that our world  
is often deeply broken and fractured.

You have called us into your unending work  
to repair, build up, and reconcile the Beloved Community.

But we need your help, your wisdom, and your loving mercy  
to live out that calling.

In this hour, under the shadow of your wings,  
may we find refuge, renewal, inspiration and hope  
to live faithfully as your children and Jesus' disciples. Amen.

We bless the children as they leave to go to church school.

## SCRIPTURE

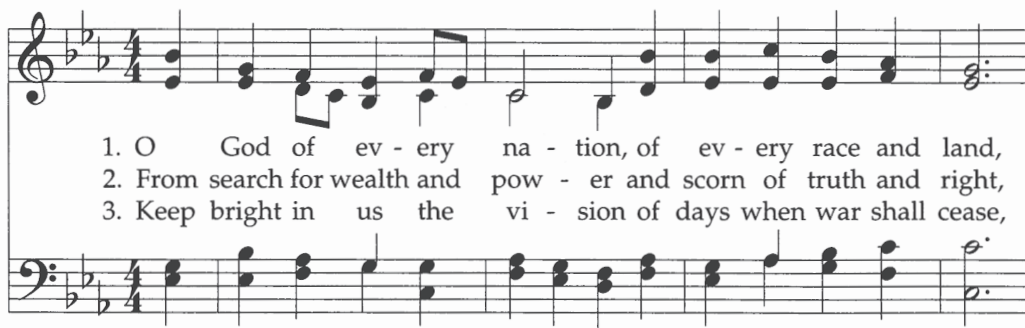
Matthew 5:43-48

(Margot)

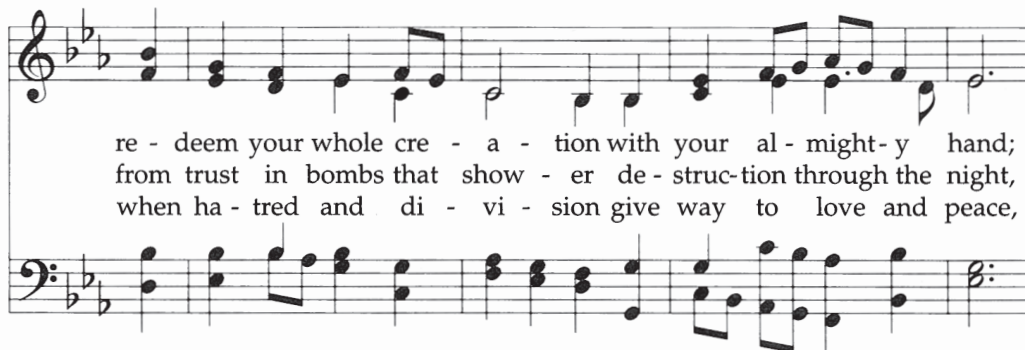
## SERMON

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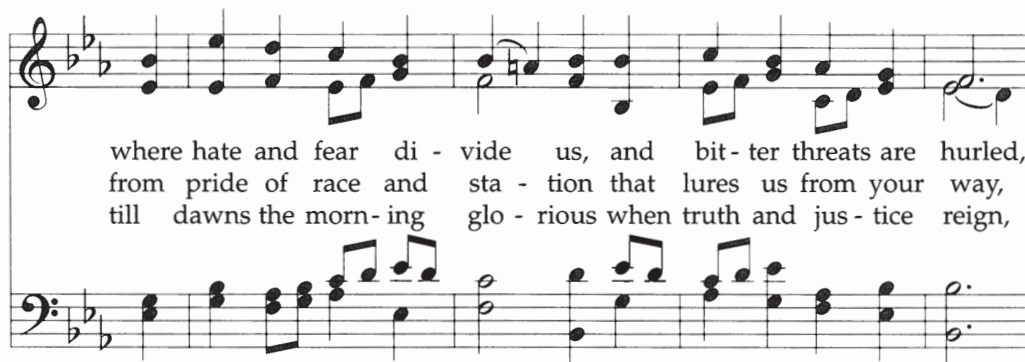
## O God of Every Nation



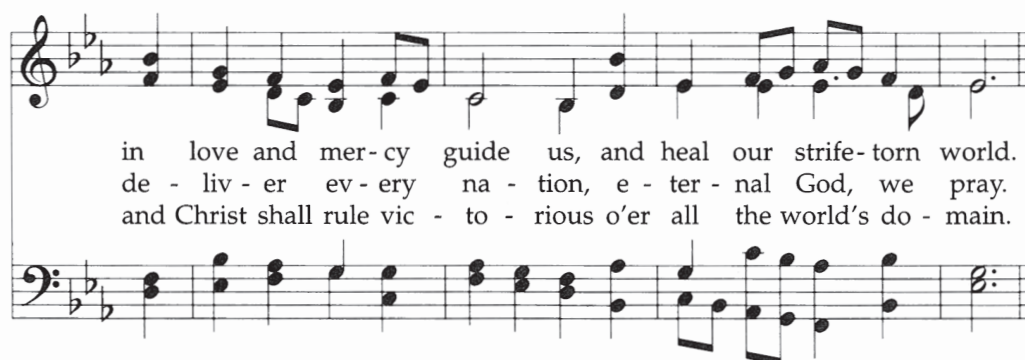
1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion that lures us from your way,  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER FOR PEACE BY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may  
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

## MISSION MOMENT

St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry  
Shelly Dierking, Executive Director

## OFFERTORY

Brother James' Air  
Handbell Duet  
Allison Hamm, Susan Wilkinson

arr. B. Wieszczyk

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## \*HYMN 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

## BENEDICTION

(Margot)

## POSTLUDE

Sonatine mov. 3 by Maurice Ravel

## HAPPENING TODAY

### Pack the Backpacks for Family Learning Center (FLC)

Today, immediately following worship we will pack the backpacks downstairs in Rooms 106 & 108. Families and individuals are invited to come help fill the supply lists for various grade levels and pack them in the backpacks! The packs will be given to students on Saturday, July 28 at the FLC Health Fair.

### FCC Get Out the Vote 2024 Campaign - Today, During Coffee Hour - Plymouth Hall

Join the FCC Social Justice Ministries on Sunday, to continue our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. Throughout the summer, we will be working with non-partisan organizations to write letters and postcards to encourage low-propensity voters to vote in November. There will be a table in Plymouth Hall to train you, provide space to write or give you packets to check out and write at home. You may also donate to underwrite supplies online (<https://tinyurl.com/yc6sy5ub>). Contact [csmitty12@gmail.com](mailto:csmitty12@gmail.com)

**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.

**CHILDREN** will start in the Sanctuary and leave for Sunday School (K-5) with Louisa Matthias. **CHILDCARE** is available with Laura in the nursery. **YOUTH** (grades 6+) will remain in worship.

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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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Mental Health Spiritual Support Group - Monday, 7/22 from 6:30 – 8 PM**

This is an open door group. You are welcome to join if it is your first time or even if it's been a while. The Mental Health Group is virtual. Our next meeting is on July 22, and we meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays. For more information and link to meetings contact [anne.weiher@gmail.com](mailto:anne.weiher@gmail.com)

## **Retreat: Spiritual Support for Grief - Tuesday, 7/23, 10 AM - 3 PM - Bill Forbes's Home**

Join Bill Forbes and Jean Manifesto for a five-hour contemplative retreat where those experiencing loss can come together, walk a labyrinth, share common experiences 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 here (<https://tinyurl.com/ar6ybzwa>) or email Linda at [linda@firstcong.net](mailto:linda@firstcong.net)

## **Summer Food Drive - Donate starting next Friday 7/26**

Our summer Food Drive starts next Friday! Donate through Aug. 2 food and supplies to restock pantries in Boulder and Longmont run by BCAP (Boulder County AIDS Project) and EFAA (Emergency Family Assistance Assoc): EFAA's and BCAP's lists can be found in the Link. Drop donations in the little red wagon in church on Sunday or see your Weekly email for neighborhood contacts.

## **Fellowship of the Grape - Friday, 7/26 from 6 to 8 PM -754 Furrow Way, Lafayette**

Allison Hamm will host the FOG gathering in her backyard at 754 Furrow Way, Lafayette. Bring your favorite summer wine and an appetizer to share (or just one or the other if you are coming solo) along with the spirit of Fellowship. Everyone over 21 is invited, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Blue house, 2nd one in from street on East side of Furrow Way. Contact Allison at 316-259-5682.

## **Memorial for Leona Stone - Sunday, 7/28 at 1:30 PM - Sanctuary and Plymouth Hall**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leona Stone, as Leona died on June 29, 2024. There will be a memorial service held at First Congregational Church on Sunday, July 28, at 1:30 PM with a reception to follow. All are welcome

## **Braiding Sweetgrass Discussion & Salad Potluck - Wednesdays at 5:30 PM - 7/24 and 8/14 - Plaza**

Covering just one chapter or short story per meeting, Kevin Pettit, Sarah Schulte, and Lianna Campos will lead discussions on the book Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We will be talking about chapter 6: Learning the Grammar of Animacy. All are invited to join and bring a salad dish to share!

## **Take Me Out to the Ballpark! Friday, 8/9 at 6:40 PM - Coors Field Denver**

The Church is sponsoring a trip to Coors Field in Denver to see a Colorado Rockies baseball game on Friday, 8/9 at 6:40 PM vs. the Atlanta Braves. Tickets are \$17 each and must be reserved and prepaid through [jestrohm@comcast.net](mailto:jestrohm@comcast.net) or 303.717.5432. Get your tickets now so you can sit with us!

## **Brunch Church - Sunday, 8/11, 10 AM - Plymouth Hall**

Join us for a special all ages worship service celebrating God's gifts of creation and the generosity of the earth. Strawberry shortcake is on the menu! Gluten free and dairy free options will be available. Can you help with set-up, baking, serving, or clean-up? Sign -up here! (<https://tinyurl.com/bdxcfxvh>)

## **Gathering of Remembrance for JoAnne Bogart - Sunday, 8/11 at 2 PM - LaForet**

Jeff Bogart and his family invite all to gather and remember JoAnne and her ministry to join them at LaForet on Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 pm. We will meet at the lower campfire circle (below the Blue Spruce cabin). Dress will be casual; camp attire is appropriate, and bring an umbrella for shade or rain.

## **Racial Justice Ministry Pilgrimage: Sand Creek Massacre and Amache Internment Camp: 10/19 & 20**

Registration is open, use the QR code. All ages including families are invited to participate. Registration will remain open through Sun, Sept 22. Maximum number of participants is 40. Contact: [karenwhoover@gmail.com](mailto:karenwhoover@gmail.com) To prepare, you may access a resource list for your summer reading and video viewing, visit (<https://tinyurl.com/ys5zcpjr>).

