



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



...Create in me a clean heart...
Psalm 51

God's Mercy, Steadfast Love, and Abundant Mercy

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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.

CHILDREN will start in the Sanctuary and leave for Vacation Bible School (K-5) with Lianna. **CHILDCARE** is available with Anne 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Random Ring and Procession
Members of FCC Congregational Bells

C. Wiltse

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN #18

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
Kajsa Teitlebaum, organ

INVOCATION

Rev. Katherine (Katie) Martinez

Gracious God,
to you our hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

We bless the children as they leave to go to Vacation Bible School with Lianna.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51

SERMON

God's Mercy, Steadfast Love, and Abundant Mercy

SONG OF PRAYER

Create in Me A Clean Heart

K. Green

Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

**The asterisk is an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

MISSION MOMENT

RISE Against Suicide

OFFERTORY

Remember Me

M. Schultz

*Remember me in a Bible cracked and faded by the years
Remember me in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer
And age to age and heart-to-heart bound by grace and peace
Child of wonder, child of God
I've remembered you
Remember me*

*Remember me when the colour of our sunset fills the sky
Remember me when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes
And age to age and heart-to-heart bound by grace and peace
Child of wonder, child of God
I've remembered you
Remember me*

*Remember me when the children leave their Sunday school with smiles
Remember me when they're old enough to teach
Old enough to preach, old enough to lead
And age to age and heart-to-heart bound by grace and peace
Child of wonder child of God, I've remembered you
Remember me, age to age and heart-to-heart,
Child of wonder, child of God, remember me
Age to age and heart-to-heart, child of wonder, child of God*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This congregation practices open Communion. All are welcome.

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

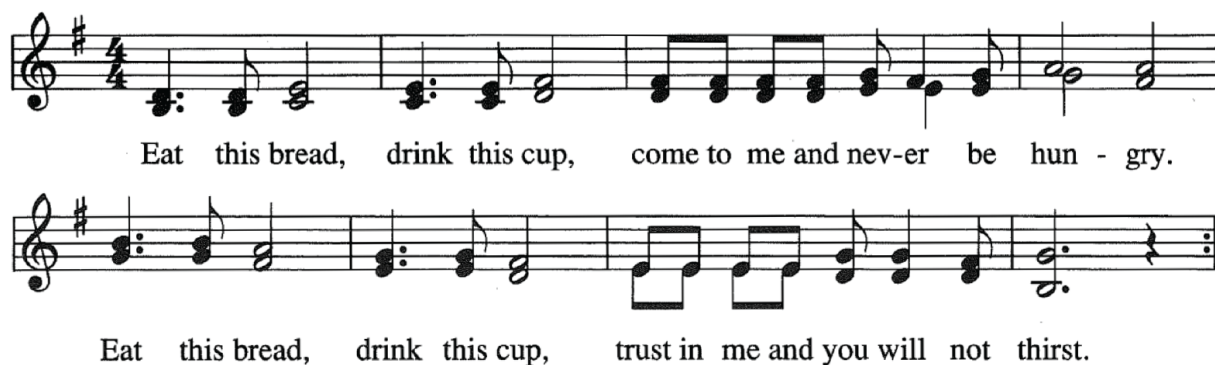
The congregation seated in the sanctuary is invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion elements. Please take the bread that is given to you, dip it into the cup and eat immediately. Or if you prefer, cups with both bread and juice are available on the table to the side for you to pick up. The cups are filled with grape juice. The bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Songs of Faith: Prayer

K. McChesney

*SONG EAT THIS BREAD



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Eat This Bread". The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." are written below the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Compassionate God,

We bless you for your steadfast love,
for your abundant mercy.

Your life-giving gifts to us never end.

May we be people who are instruments of peace
so that all of your children may live in shalom.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

*HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7
Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

C B7 Em B7 G G7
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

Am Em C7 F G7 C
*With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Am7 D7 G Am7 D7 G7
Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7
Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

C B7 Em B7 G
With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

C C+ F D7 D7
to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

C E7 F C F G7 C
Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

HAPPENING TODAY

All Ages VBS Starts Today! - Immediately After Worship Sundays 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, and 8/25 - Standish Room

At VBS, children (K-5) will enjoy fun, exciting lessons and games focused on the major themes of the young adult version of the Braiding Sweetgrass during the 10 AM service. After 10 AM worship, adults and youth are invited to join an intergenerational activity, craft, or service project in the Standish Room. All ages will have lunch together which is provided. For more info or to reserve your spot contact lianna@firstcong.net. Everyone is invited!

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

Join the FCC Social Justice Ministries on Sunday, August 4, after Worship at coffee hour in Plymouth Hall to continue our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. This week we continue letter writing and we will be piloting a non-partisan postcard writing campaign to voters in Arizona with the Center for Common Ground. You will be trained on the spot. Participate in GOTV to lessen your anxiety and have an impact on democracy. Contact csmitty12@gmail.com

Youth Group - Dungeons and Dragons - Today - from 5 - 7:30 PM - First Congregational Church

This Sunday, the middle school and high school youth are invited to the church to continue the ongoing summer Dungeons and Dragons adventure group, as well as play games and enjoy a pizza dinner together! Other upcoming youth events in August include a group outing to an Escape Room venue on August 11th and then a Live Action Roleplaying sword-fighting games day in the park on August 18th! Contact Samuel Bauman (sbauman@baumanhome.com) for details about August youth events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of Remembrance for JoAnne Bogart

Sunday, 8/11 at 2 PM - LaForet RSVP Below - Carpool Sign-Up by 8/6

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 PM. We will meet at the lower campfire circle (below the Blue Spruce cabin). Dress will be casual; camp attire is appropriate, and you might want to bring an umbrella for shade or rain. Please RSVP to Jeff Bogart (jeff@bogarhome.net) if you plan to attend. If you would like to be part of a carpool to the gathering, please email (linda@firstcong.net) before Tuesday, 8/6.

Community Partner - RISE Against Suicide 8/1- 8/31 - "Christmas in August" Fundraiser

Our community partner, RISE Against Suicide, helps youth at risk of suicide by removing the financial and social barriers to treatment, enabling them to find hope and healing. The LGBTQ+ & Allies Ministry, the Mental Health Ministry, and the Board of Missions and Christian Social Action are sponsoring our annual "Christmas in August" fundraiser to provide financial support for services as students return to school at a stressful time. Please consider donating using the QR code, to help support our students in the community.



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 jestroh@comcast.net or 303.717.5432. Get your tickets now so you can sit with us!

Brunch Church - More Bakers & Clean-Up Needed - Sunday, 8/11, 10 AM - Plymouth Hall

Worship and Sunday Morning Brunch come together, with help from many hands. The Sign Up genius is filling up, but we still need a few more Saturday bakers and some folks who can stay after worship on Sunday to clear the tables and put clean dishes away. Instructions and simple recipes will be sent to bakers in advance. Your grocery expenses may be submitted for reimbursement. Thanks to Wendy Hall from the Board of Community Life for leading the clean-up. We'll make sure you have everything you need to make it an enjoyable experience. Sign-up using the QR code!



Women's Retreat 2024 - Friday to Sunday, 8/30 - 9/1 - Register by Tuesday, August 13

As we enter the fall, we'll take a weekend to reflect on friendship, its gifts, its necessity, how friends enfold us in times of deepest joy and keenest sorrow, and how we help each other grow and thrive. Join us for a time of sharing, connecting, and nurturing our faith and friendships together. Our time together begins with dinner on Friday and concludes mid-morning on Sunday. Can't attend for the whole weekend? A Saturday only option is available.



Join Our Pop-Up Choir - Sunday, 8/11 at 9 AM - Choir Room

Come and be a part of our special Sunday morning POP-UP Choir! All singers are welcome, regardless of experience. We will learn a beautiful anthem to perform during the service. No prior singing experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and love for music. We look forward to seeing you there!

Braiding Sweetgrass Discussion & Salad Potluck - Wednesday, 8/14 at 5:30 PM - 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. For August 14th, we will be talking about the Thanksgiving Address in Chapter 11. All are invited to join and bring a salad dish to share!

Intercambio Community Conversations - Tuesday, 8/20 from 6:30 – 8 PM - RSVP by August 18

Join us for Intercambio's upcoming Community Conversations on August 20, at our Longmont office (1715 Iron Horse Dr.). This unique event fosters language skills, confidence, and life-changing connections for English as a second language speakers. Five spots are reserved – RSVP by 8/18 to Jill at vontrebj@comcast.net. For inquiries, contact Irene at irene@intercambio.org or 970-670-0145. Explore more at intercambio.org.

Congregational Bells Intro to Ringing - Tuesday, 8/20, at 6 PM

Are you curious about our handbells and how to ring? Join us for an introductory session on Tuesday, August 20, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. This is a reminder session for experienced ringers on healthy ringing techniques, and we also welcome anyone who is interested in learning about the bells, and would potentially want to join the bell choir at some point. No need to register. Email kajsa@firstcong.net with questions.

Chancel Choir Fall Tune Up - Thursday, 8/22, at 7 PM

Join us on Thursday, August 22, at 7 PM in the choir room, for a fall tune up. This is an opportunity for anyone interested, choir members and non-members alike, to go through the basics of healthy singing, breathing, and blending our voices as a choir. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience, and there is no need to register. Email kajsa@firstcong.net with questions.

Joyful Littles Music Class - Wednesdays, at 10:30 AM - Starting 9/4 - Nursery

Join Anne Martinez for a lively, relaxed music class for children ages 0-5 and a caregiver. Sing, dance, and play instruments to seasonal songs, fostering a love for music. Leave with new songs and musical ideas, while connecting with other families. This free 30-minute class runs Wednesdays at 10:30 am starting September 4, followed by open play until noon. Drinks and light snacks provided. Email anne@firstcong.net to reserve your spot or for more information.

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

We have reached the maximum registration number for our pilgrimage but are taking names on a waitlist. To be placed on the waitlist email Karen Hoover (karenwhoover@gmail.com). To prepare, you may access a resource list for your summer reading and video viewing, visit (<https://tinyurl.com/ys5zcpjr>).

Social Justice for Immigrants - What can WE do? ...I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Matt. 25:35

The laws on immigration in Denver and all of Colorado continually change. The needs of Newcomers (migrants) are immense and overwhelming. To advocate and provide hospitality to our siblings from other lands the Racial Justice Ministry of First Cong found some practical ways we can help. You will find a flyer in the Link or online here (<https://tinyurl.com/mr34mvdd>) for more information. Contact: Kristen Aldretti (kaldretti@gmail.com).