



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



A Matter of the Heart

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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 is available with Laura in the nursery. **CHILDREN** will start in the Sanctuary and leave for Church School (K-5) with Lianna. **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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STAFF

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

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Anne Martinez *Director of Children and Youth Music* | Jessica Kressin, *Chancel Choir Accompanist*

Laura Bowen *Child Care Coordinator* | Angie Dickinson Mickle *AV and Event Specialist*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Kajsa Teitelbaum, vocals and guitar

Will Thompson

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**All: God has set the earth firmly on its foundations,
and it will never be moved.**

One: God placed the ocean over it like a robe,
and the waters flow over the mountains and into the valleys.

**All: God created the moon to tell the months,
and the sun to mark the days!**

One: God has made so many things!

All: Give thanks to God for God is good! Amen!

-written by Arlene M. Mark

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN #2

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

VISUAL PRAYER

Friends of the Beloved
The Work of the People

*We bless the children as they leave to go to church school with Lianna.
Youth will remain in Worship.*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:1-8, and James 1:17-27

Rev. Gail McDougale

SERMON

A Matter of the Heart

*HYMN #547

Amazing Grace

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.

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERTORY

I'll Fly Away

A. Brumley

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God,

With these gifts we offer to you our lives
to do your work in the world.

Take our bodies and minds, our work and our leisure,
our relationships with one another and creation,
our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans,
and use them all for your purposes.

We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #522**

I Love to Tell the Story

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

There is Power in the Love

Lewis E. Jones

HAPPENING TODAY

FCC Get Out the Vote 2024 Campaign - Sunday, 9/1, Immediately After Worship - The Link

Join the FCC Social Justice Ministries on Sunday, August 25, in the Link after Worship to continue our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. This week we continue writing non-partisan letters and postcards in swing states to engage voters who historically have not voted. You will be trained on the spot. Participate in GOTV to lessen your anxiety and have an impact on democracy. Contact Caitlin Smith (csmitty12@gmail.com)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Fall Schedule Resumes Sunday, September 8

8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel

Contemplative Prayer with poetry and Scripture readings, Taizé chant, extended moments of silence, and the sacrament of holy communion.

10:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

A festive All Ages Worship Service of joy with communion, choir anthems, and an encore performance from the Arts Camp summer theme song!

Racial Justice Ministry (RJM) FORUM: Sand Creek Massacre, Presented by Right Relationship Boulder Sunday, 9/8 at 9:15 AM - Plymouth Hall

Three representatives from Right Relationship Boulder will provide information about the relationship between Fort Chambers in Boulder and the Sand Creek Massacre. The massacre occurred just months after the founding of our church on the tribal campgrounds near Valmont Butte in 1864. This forum will help us prepare for the Pilgrimage to Southeast Colorado which includes the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. All are invited.

New Church Website Coming! We Need Your Help! - Sunday, 9/8 - All Morning

Theory One, our website designer, will be on site with us with photographers to capture the images we need to make our new website a fresh and inviting reflection of the vibrancy of our life together and a beautiful expression of our story and the good news of our faith and witness. Please plan to be present. Please wear solid colors or quiet prints on September 8 and help us spread the joy!

A Native American Feast Church Picnic - Sunday, 9/8 at 11:45 AM - Foothills Community Park

Join us after worship for a church picnic of traditional Osage recipes and ingredients, catered by Tocabe American Indian Eatery in Denver. The menu will include Indian fry bread, wild rice, corn and tomato salsas, black and pinto beans, and shredded bison. Vegan and gluten-free options will be available. We'll meet in the shelter at Foothills Community Park, 800 Cherry Avenue next to the playground. Face painting, balloon animals, good food, and great company!

Welcome to the World, Braxson!

We celebrate the birth of Braxson Lee Taff on August 6, 2024. Braxson is the son of Amanda Marie Taff and grandson of Dennis and Renee Loewen, the church's longtime accountant and beloved friend of our congregation. After many days in the hospital, Braxson came home on August 27. What joy!

Surrounding the Burbank Family with Love and Support

With broken hearts, we pray for Burke and Vivian Burbank and their whole family as they mourn the tragic death of their 29 year old son Daniel last week. The church has established an account to collect funds to send support to them in this time of grief. You may give here. Please note that this contribution is not tax deductible. If you would like to reach out directly to offer your condolences, you may contact the Burbank family at PO Box 654, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034.

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.

Forum: Home Electrification and Electric Vehicles sponsored by CAT Sunday, 9/15 from 9:15 to 10:15 AM - Standish Room

Have you considered electrifying your home or buying an electric vehicle? The Climate Action Team (CAT) of First Cong. invites you to come on Sunday morning, September 15 at 9:15am as Julia Moravcsik of Go Electric Colorado will discuss all things electric including heat pumps, solar panels, induction stoves, and electric vehicles. Join us as we learn to better care for all of creation! For more information contact Bill Young (wyyoun01@gmail.com). Childcare provided.

Join the Chancel Choir on Thursdays

Chancel Choir rehearsals are back, and we would love to have you sing with us! Rehearsals are every Thursday from 7 to 9 PM in the choir room. Whether you are a seasoned singer or new to choral music, all are welcome. For more information, please email Kajsa at kajsa@firstcong.net. We hope to see you there!