



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

How Are the Children?

September 22, 2024 | 10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful
First Congregational Church String Ensemble

adapted by M. Shaw

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

*PASSING THE PEACE

Children & Youth may go to Church School with Lianna.

*HYMN #31

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

Creating God,
We praise you for all things bright and beautiful,
for creatures great and small,
and for this wonderful earth we call home.
Come, Holy Spirit, into our midst
that we may hear your words
and be more like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

SERMON

How Are the Children?

ANTHEM

A God of Love
Chancel Choir, Christine Teng piano

M. Rinehart

Marilyn Jeanette Rinehart (1926-2012) is Amy Volda's maternal grandmother, great-grandmother to Natalie, and namesake to Hazel Jeanette Volda. She was a church organist in Tucson, Arizona, and composed and arranged music for both organ and choir.

*Beyond the wheeling worlds of light
Revealed to us by silent night,
There stands, though clad, in robes of might,
A God of Love.*

*Beside the bed where loved ones die,
And by the grave where sweet hopes lie,
There stands, unseen by mortal eye,
A God of Love.*

*Above the earthquake's awful roar,
And smoking hills that lava pour,
There stands, though hid from rich and poor,
A God of Love.*

*Upon a cross in ancient time,
There suffered one in love sublime,
That men might know, in every clime,
That God is Love.*

*Above the lightning's dreadful flash,
And winds that seas to fury lash,
There stands, unheard amid the clash
A God of Love.*

*The heights and depths of love divine,
We cannot measure or define,
But from the cross the truth doth shine,
That God is Love.*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Attributed to St. Francis

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;
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

Crop Walk

Denise Cone

OFFERTORY

What About Us?
Vivian Thomasset, soloist
Faith Singers, Joyful Noise.
Anne Martinez, director

S. Mac, J. McDaid, A. Moore

*We are searchlights, we can see in the dark
We are rockets, pointed up at the stars
We are billions of beautiful hearts
And you sold us down the river too far*

Refrain:

*What about us?
What about all the times you said you had the answers?
What about us?
What about all the broken happy-ever-afters?
What about us?
What about all the plans that ended in disaster?
What about love? What about trust?
What about us?*

*We are problems that want to be solved
We are children that need to be loved
We were willing, we came when you called
But man, you fooled us, enough is enough, oh
(Refrain)*

*Sticks and stones they may break these bones
But then I'll be ready, are you ready?
It's the start of us, waking up, come on
Are you ready? I'll be ready
I don't want control, I want to let go*

*Are you ready? I'll be ready
'Cause now it's time to let them know
We are ready (Refrain)*

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE (785)**

*We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #76**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondo from Duet K423 for Violin and Viola
Karen Connolly, viola
Charlie Bistodeau, violin

W. A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

CHILDCARE is available with Laura in the nursery.

CHILDREN and **YOUTH** (grades 6+) Elementary Children & Youth Begin in Worship to be Released with Lianna for a service project.

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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HAPPENING TODAY

Electric Car and Bike Show - Today, from 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM - West Parking Lot

Have you been thinking about buying or leasing an EV or E-bike? Come to the EV Show sponsored by the Climate Action Team (CAT)! Several electric cars and bikes will be on display in the small, west church parking lot following worship on 9/22. Owners will be on hand to answer your questions. Coffee Hour will also be hosted in the parking lot that day. (Note - the lot will be closed for regular parking.) If you would like to include your EV in the show or for more information, contact Bill Young wwyoun01@gmail.com.

FCC Get Out the Vote 2024 Campaign - Today, in the Link

Join the FCC Social Justice Ministries on Sunday, September 22, in the Link to continue our Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. We continue writing non-partisan letters and postcards in swing states to engage voters who historically have not voted. Participate in GOTV to lessen your anxiety and have an impact on democracy. **Please Return ALL Cards and Letters by Sunday 9/22 or 9/29.** Contact Caitlin Smith (csmitty12@gmail.com).

Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Lorraine Leist - Today, at 3 PM

Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church

You are invited to a Service of Installation to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Dr. Lorraine Leist as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Older Adults at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver. Chris Braudaway-Bauman will be preaching. If you'd like to be part of a carpool to attend the service, please contact chris@firstcong.net.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Overcoming Isolation Film Screening - Thursday, 9/26 from 6:15 – 9 PM - Registration Required

We know the power of joining faith communities can relieve loneliness and provide opportunities to be involved with others. Join the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness at our upcoming Film Screening of *Overcoming Isolation: The Life-Giving Power of Connection*. Info and registration online at <https://www.cuccboulder.org/services-2>

Fall Food Drive - Donate Through September 27

Donate food and household supplies for our neighbors who rely on the food banks, Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP) and Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA). Drop off your donations in the little red wagon in church or check your Friday Weekly email for your local neighborhood leader.

Finding Meaning and Purpose in Our Later Years - Sunday, 9/29 from 8:45 – 9:45 AM - Standish Room

Join us for the Ministry of Last Things (MLT) FORUM. Frederick Buechner wrote that “vocation is where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” We’ll discuss the importance of finding meaning in our lives in post-retirement and/or when we need to step back. This includes dealing with the grief that life transitions bring, and how to identify passions and forge new and fresh identities as we age.

Newcomers Coffee - Sunday, 9/29 at 11:45 AM - Heritage Room

Are you new to the First Congregational Church community, looking to find out more, and get better connected? Join us on Sunday, September 29, after 10:30 AM worship to get to know some of ministers and leaders at FCC, ask any questions you may have, learn more about the many ways you can get involved, and if you’re interested, find out how you can join us as a member. Can’t attend this time? Another one is on the calendar on Sunday, November 3. Childcare is available.

Knitting Ministry - Tuesday, 10/1 at 1:30 PM - Heritage Room

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and anyone who is interested in learning to knit --prayer shawls, baby blankets, senior high school blankets and items for Knitting for Peace. Bring your knitting and join us. Contact jestrohm@comcast.net or almaalber3@gmail.com.

Retreat: Spiritual Support for Grief - Saturday, 10/5 from 10 AM – 3 PM – Sugarloaf Mountain

Join Bill Forbes and Jean Manifesto for a five-hour contemplative retreat where those experiencing loss can come together, walk a labyrinth, 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 email Linda at linda@firstcong.net

Crop Hunger Walk - Sunday, 10/20, 2:00 PM Walk Starting (Cairn Christian Church, Lafayette)

The Crop Hunger Walk raises funds and awareness for Community Food Share, committed to helping feed people in need in our community, and Church World Service, who provide disaster relief around the world. If you can’t walk, please donate to our team at <https://tinyurl.com/38623n3x>, and stop by the Crop Walk Table at church to learn more. Contact Team Capt. Denise Cone (denise.cone@msn.com).

Fellowship of the Grape - Friday, 9/27, 6-8 PM

Martha and Neil Palmer invite you to bring Italian wines to their home at 1900 Bluebell Ave., Boulder, in memory of a lovely visit they made to Siena. It’s a brick and yellow house on the corner; please come in the porch door nearest the garage on 19th. Everyone over 21 is invited; bring wine and an appetizer, or just one or the other if coming solo. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Martha 720-480-1425

Save the Date ONA Sunday - Sunday, 10/13 at 10:30 AM Worship

“What the Bible Says About Homosexuality”

Join FCC on Sunday, October 13 as we celebrate 37 years of being an Open and Affirming Congregation (ONA). Dr. Emily Askew will preach and lead a workshop following Worship on what the Bible says about homosexuality by addressing “the clobber passages,” verses in the Bible that have been used by many Christians to exclude and condemn those in the LGBTQ+ Community. A light lunch will be provided. *Please RSVP for lunch*

