



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



*Awake My Soul by Mike Moyers
"An abstract depicting the light of The Word shattering the darkness."*

How Then Shall We Live?

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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.

Flowers today are given by the family in celebration of the baptism of Sylvie Claire Harling.

If you would like to donate **FLOWERS** for a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one for an upcoming Sunday service, please contact Anne Byrne 303-601-7671 (annebyrnehome@comcast.net).

NURSERY care is available.

CHILDREN and **YOUTH** Elementary Children and Youth (K-12) will go with Lianna and Susan for chimes and handbells.

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

Kingsfold Te Deum
Congregational Bells Kajsa Teitelbaum, Director

Arr. Sondra Tucker

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

INVOCATION

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

Holy One,
We come into your presence
aware of the turmoil within,
aware that we need this time
to be in quiet communion with you.
Grant us peace in this hour
to be renewed and encouraged
so that we may go out
and be people of peace and love
for all of your world.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sylvie Claire Harling
Parents: Megan and Jack Harling
Godparents: Samantha Henignan and Ryan Dennie

THE COVENANT PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

We will, with the help of God. Through this act we welcome this child into the fellowship of Christ's church and invite her to share with us the cost and joy of discipleship. We promise to receive her as a fellow pilgrim on the Christian way, to guide her by our precepts and example, that all of us may grow in the knowledge and love of God, according to the measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

God of our fathers and mothers, and our God, we thank you for this, your child, and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the spirit. Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend this new member of the body of Christ. Give to the newly baptized strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom to love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

MUSICAL PROMISE

You Are Mine

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you
home; I love you and you are mine.

We bless the children as they go to church school with Lianna and Susan

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1, Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

How Then Shall We Live?

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Cirkulorum (premiere)
Duo Kondens

Lisa Grotheus

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 REFLECTION

Surely the Presence of God

Sure - ly the pres - ence of God is in this place;
 love
 peace

I can feel God's might - y pow - er and grace.

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,

I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

pres - ence of our God is in this place.
 love
 peace

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERTORY

Caritas
Chancel Choir Jessica Kressin, piano

E. Hagenberg

Lyrics and translation:

*Caritas abundant in omnia
Imis excellentissima
Super sidera
At que amantissima*

*Love abounds in all
From the depths most excellent
To beyond the stars
And loving towards all.*

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Eb BWV

J.S. Bach

HAPPENING TODAY

Neighbors in Need Special Offering - Today

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. The theme this year is "Mental Health Justice For All!" A just world for all is a world where the well-being of people with mental health challenges is respected. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The rest provides grants to UCC entities engaged in advocacy efforts and direct service projects.



Fall Congregational Meeting of the Church - Sunday, 11/17 at Noon - Plymouth Hall

We will present the 2025 Target Budget, affirm Lianna's Call now that she is ordained, and discuss other new business. Everyone is welcome and members are strongly encouraged to participate in these important conversations about the future of our church. Childcare and children's activities provided. Join us on Zoom at... <https://tinyurl.com/4muwcamc>

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Our **toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners** start at 10:30 AM in the Toddler Room with for play, a story, and a simple snack. The Toddler Room is located in the lower level to the right of the stairs/elevator. New children are always welcome!

Elementary Children and Youth (K-12) will go with Lianna and Susan for chimes and handbells.

November Gratitude Calendar and Tree

Why limit Thanksgiving to one day of the year? Use the prompt for every day of the month to reflect on the many things you are thankful for. Pick up your copy on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for Delivering Grace Gifts

Grace Gifts were assembled by the Board of Community Life, and you delivered! Thank you to all who delivered the Grace Gifts last weekend. There were 70 people who received a Grace Gift of Love from the Church. THANK YOU!

Intercambio Community Conversations - Tuesday, 11/19 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM - RSVP by November 15

Join us for Intercambio's upcoming Community Conversations on November 19, 6:30-8:00 PM, 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 11/15 to Jill at vontrebj@comcast.net. For inquiries, contact Irene at irene@intercambio.org or 970-670-0145. Explore more at intercambio.org.

Heartsaver First Aid CPR and AED Training - Wednesday, 11/20 at 6:00 PM - Grace Gallery

Join Kelly McDevitt from First Cong's Safety Team for this important emergency training, which include three hours of online learning and two hours of hands-on skills. This American Heart Association course trains participants to provide First Aid, CPR, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. There is a \$22 fee for the online learning component, but the rest is a gift to us from Kelly. Sign up to participate, use the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2a6u5mu7>



Welcoming New Members on Sunday, 11/24 - Respond NOW!

We invite you to jump in, roll up your sleeves, and enter deeply into the life and ministry of First Congregational Church. We will be receiving new members during 10:30 AM worship on Sunday, November 24. If you would like to learn more, please contact Julie Griffiths julie@firstcong.net

Pilgrimage to Selma/Montgomery - SIGN-UP to go by November 24!

Join our Racial Justice Ministry on a pilgrimage to Alabama (March 17-21, 2025) to remember the civil rights struggle in Selma, visit the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, and learn about the work of the Equal Justice Initiative. This group trip is an opportunity to reflect intentionally on our country's deep history of racial violence and the ongoing movement for equity and justice, and finally, joy - on a jazz-themed River Boat cruise. For more information or to RSVP to go on the trip email linda@firstcong.net.

Adopt a Family for the Holidays with FLC

Bring Gifts by Friday, 12/13 to Family Learning Center, 3164 34th St. Boulder 80301

Join us in spreading holiday cheer! Adopt a Family for the Holidays with the Family Learning Center. Help brighten the season for families facing challenges. Receive a wish list, bring gifts by Dec 13, or make a monetary donation for our Holiday Helpers to pick out gifts. Drop off gifts at the FLC weekdays 9 to 4 or bring them to the church office. Let's make a difference together! Contact L'Shawn Howard at shawnh@flcboulder.org.

**Sawyer Organ Concert & Workshop - Concert Friday, 11/22 at 7 PM - Sanctuary
Workshop Saturday, 11/23 at 10 AM - Sanctuary**

Our annual Sawyer Organ Concert will feature Swedish duo Kondens offering an exciting evening of music arranged for organ and recorder. Lisa Oscarsson, organ, and My Eklund, recorder, are well known in Sweden for their improvisations and new takes on classical repertoire. Kondens will also offer a Saturday morning workshop on collaborating with other musicians. Kondens will play concerts in the Denver area, scan QR code for more.



Have Yourself a Mystical Christmas - A Saturday Retreat - Saturday, 12/7, 9 AM - 3 PM

Chapel, Heritage and Standish Room. Cost: \$130 per person (includes lunch and snacks)
The Incarnation of Jesus is at the core of the Christian faith. Yet, the hectic pace of the holidays often clouds the profound spiritual significance of this sacred season. In this one-day retreat, we invite you to slow down and reconnect with the mystical essence of Christmas. Together, with retreat leaders: Rev. Elizabeth Jameson and Rev. Ian Cummins, we will explore the deeper meaning of the Incarnation as the birth of the Divine Word in each of us. Register with the QR code.



Art Show: Pastel Society of Colorado - Now until February 27

The McMane Arts Ministry is delighted to host a colorful and varied exhibit in our Heritage Room and Gallery hallway. Well-known and emerging artists from Colorado are showing their pastel paintings and other mediums including oils, watercolors, and drawings. Meet the artists and learn about soft pastels at a special Open House and Reception on Friday Dec. 6 from 5 - 7:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to support our arts community, and perhaps to do some holiday shopping.

GRATITUDE SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 24

8:30 AM - Contemplative Prayer Worship - Chapel

A service of Taizé singing, extended moments of silence, Scripture, poetry, and other readings on Gratitude. Give thanks in the midst of this gentle community and rest in God's presence.

9:15 AM - FORUM: Living From Our Center in Uncentering Times - Standish Room

Being human is never easy, but it can feel especially hard in these challenging days for our country and our world. Our natural inclination in such times is to withdraw, protect and defend. But what the world needs most from us right now is to follow Jesus' model and be more vulnerable, open-hearted, and trusting. Join our guests, Rev Elizabeth Jameson and Rev. Ian Cummins as they remind us of the beauty of our own inner light and suggest some ways to live from a faith and joy not dependent on circumstances.

10:30 AM - All Ages Worship - Sanctuary

Amy, Steve, Natalie, and Hazel Volda will offer Witnesses of Gratitude, people of all ages will be invited to add leaves to a Thanksgiving Tree, and Nils Nordberg, who just celebrated his 90th Birthday, will sing Let There Be Peace on Earth. The whole congregation will add our voices to the chorus, and consider together what it means to give thanks in all circumstances.

11:45 AM - Hanging of the Greens - Meet in the Sanctuary

The Board of Spiritual Life invites you to stay after worship to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Deck the Halls, the Sanctuary, and the Chapel with wreaths, garlands, lights, and 12 foot trees! Hearty snacks set up in the Standish will fortify all the elves. A playlist of Christmas music will accompany our Joy to the World.