



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

What Now?

February 2, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to First Congregational Church, 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 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." Like our Pilgrim forbears, we trust "there is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy Word."

Inspired by God's boundless grace as revealed in the radical love of Jesus Christ, we aim to make the words "All are Welcome" as inclusive as they sound. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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).

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.

MOBILE

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ONLINE

www.firstcong.net/give

ENVELOPE

Cash or Check



Our **TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS** start 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! Parents of little ones will also find rocking chairs in the back of our Sanctuary. Our Heritage Room, down the hall, provides a space for caregivers to watch the service on a large screen while supervising those who like to roam or need a break

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN AND YOUTH (K-12) are staying through worship today.

STAFF

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Linda Kowatch *Associate Minister*
Dr. Kajsja Teitelbaum *Director of Music* | Rev. Lianna Campos *Minister of Faith Formation*
Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist*
Renee Loewen *Accountant* | Anne Martinez *Director of Children and Youth Music*
Jessica Kressin *Chancel Choir Accompanist* | Christine Teng *Youth Choirs Accompanist*
Angie Dickinson Mickle *AV and Event Specialist*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE My Heart is Filled with Joy Chorale No. 4 J. Brahms
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

INTROIT Joy In My Heart Rollo Dilworth
Hazel Voids, Natalie Voids and Signe Teitelbaum
Anne Martinez, Director
Christine Teng, Accompanist

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Linda Kowatch

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***HYMN #12** I Sing the Mighty Power of God Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

PRAYER OF PRAISE Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

Creating God,
the cornerstone of our existence and the breath of our being,
we come before you in humility and gratitude
to praise the vastness of your mighty power
and to thank you for your unending love for us.
You have promised that whenever we gather,
you are present.
So today we assemble in your presence
to meet you, to be together as your people,
to be encouraged, to be blessed,
and to be challenged to go into the world
as your hands and feet,
to bring your kingdom on earth here and now. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:42-44

SERMON What Now?

SUNG RESPONSE 531 God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
(please remain seated)

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.
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

MISSION MOMENT

MacKenzie Lecture

Stewart Hoover

OFFERTORY

Gloria Patri
Chancel Choir
Kajsa Teitelbaum, director
Jessica Kressin, accompanist

F. Schubert

Gloria Patri et Filio,
Et Spiritui sancto
Sicut erat in principio
Et nunc, et semper,
Et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

Glory to the Father and the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and always shall be.
World without end.
Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This congregation practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate.

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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

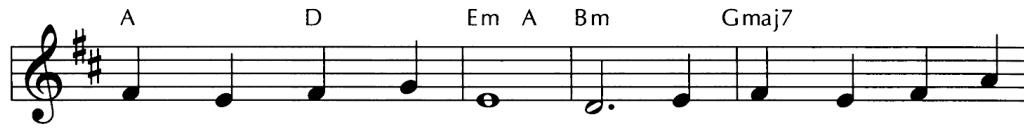
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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COMMUNION SONG

Eat This Bread



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank you, God, for inviting us to this Banquet of Life.
and feeding us with the good news of Jesus and his wondrous bread and cup.
You are always glad to have us here around your family table.
Help us notice who is missing. Make us everybody's neighbor.
Send us to them as friends with your standing invitation to come,
to eat, to know love, and be in peace at home. 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**

HAPPENING TODAY

Food Drive 2025 Kick-Off-Donate NOW Through Friday 2/7

We invite you to join in donating now through Friday 2/7, as we collect food and household goods to help our neighbors in need through the food banks of Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP) and Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA). See a list of requested items to guide your shopping. Bring your donations to the little red wagon in church on Sunday or see your weekly email for a list of local neighborhood leaders.

Website Launch! Sunday, 2/2 at 9:15 a.m. | Plymouth Hall and 3:00 p.m. Frasier Community, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder

Our new church website is ready! Join us this Sunday for Celebratory Show and Tell at two times and locations. The session at Frasier includes a Stewardship update and time for refreshments and fellowship.

Cookies for Valentine's Day | Mindful Works- Today at 11:45 a.m. | Plymouth Hall During Coffee Hour

Support our community partner Mindful Works as they sell cookies and other items for Valentine's Day! Your items can be picked up as indicated on the order form at Mindful Works. Mindful Works is a social enterprise providing empowering work to individuals striving to overcome obstacles due to mental health challenges. Don't miss out on these tasty treats!

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Pat Ostwald-Tuesday, February 4 at 11:00 a.m.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Patricia "Pat" A. Ostwald. Pat died on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the age of 98, and was a member of our congregation for more than 60 years.

Forum: Conversation with Nicole Speer, Boulder City Council Member Sunday, 2/9 at 9:15 a.m. | Plymouth Hall

Recent events have sparked a wave of misinformation and fear, affecting many in our community. This question-and-answer session with FCC member and Boulder City Council Member, Nicole Speer, offers a safe space to voice your concerns, learn about Boulder's efforts to safeguard our values and people in these chaotic times, and learn practical ways to make a difference.

Men's Retreat: Active Hope- Friday, 3/7 at 6:00 p.m.-Sunday, 3/9 at 11 a.m.

With so many concerns in the world today like lives lost to wars and senseless acts of violence, entire cities burned by wildfires, divisive policies enacted, and struggles in our personal lives, where do we find hope? Through whole & small group discussions with old and new friends and having fun together, the Men's Retreat provides an opportunity to build an Active Hope. The retreat cost \$185.00 with partial and full scholarships available.



Register Now for ARTS Camp 2025

ARTS Camp returns June 1-7! All children and youth grades 2-8 (for the 24-25 school year) are invited to a week of summer camp at Highlands Camp in Allenspark, CO. We will put together a musical, learn different arts media, and do traditional summer camp activities like a low ropes course, rock climbing, boating, and a talent show! Registration is \$550 per camper and camperships are available from the Voss Camp Scholarship Fund.



Orientation for High School Mission Trip

This year's annual high school mission trip, June 15-21, is taking us to Fort Worth, Texas! We will focus on Food Insecurity, doing hands-on work in places like community gardens and food pantries/kitchens and also learning about advocacy efforts to secure and increase affordable access to healthy food. This trip is open to all current high schoolers (grades 9-12). On Sunday, February 9th at 9:15 a.m. in the Standish Room, we will have an orientation meeting for high schoolers and their families. See you there!



Pick-a-Party and Silent Auction Invitation

Here's a great way to show your support for the Youth of our Church! The Board of Faith Formation is coordinating an auction (to be hosted in the springtime) and a Pick-a-Party event to raise money for their Mission Trip to Fort Worth, TX in June. Can you donate an auction item/experience or host a Pick-a-Party? Both of these fundraisers require donations of your time, talents or auction items to make it a success! Please use the QR code to find out more, and sign up for the auction or to host a party. Thank you for your support!



NAACP Events for Black History Month: Freedom Fund Celebration

Sunday, 2/16 at 3:00 p.m. | Macky Auditorium

February is Black History Month and our local NAACP BC has 3 exciting events planned for the month- in Lafayette, a Portrait Exhibition of Educators on 2/15, in Boulder and Longmont, an Art Workshop on 2/8 and 2/9, and this year's Freedom Fund Event, a performance of the Cleo Robinson Dance Ensemble! Go to NAACCPBoulderCounty.org to find out more and to register to save your place in Macky Auditorium on 2/16 at 3:00 p.m. for the Freedom Fund Celebration.



Together, We are Rising! Stewardship 2025

Thank you to all who turned in their pledges and their prayers for the church last weekend. We are well on our way. We are thrilled to have nine new pledges so far this year and we have about 66% of our one-time gift match of \$25,000. Your Stewardship Team will be reaching out next week to remind folks who have not yet pledged. If you are in that group – save the call! You may make your pledge and/or your one-time gift at our online Pledge Form. We are reaching for 100% pledging this year – every gift counts, no matter the size. Thank you!

Alternative Gift Market 2024 “Thank you!”

A Note From the Missions and Justice in Action Board (MJA)

The Missions and Justice in Action Board would like to thank you for your purchases and donations at the Alternative Gift Market in the amount of \$11,541.50! Whether it was relief and counselling for Ukrainian children, digging wells in South Sudan, educating students in Kenya and Lebanon, or any of the other opportunities, your engagement in this market truly was an example of God's love through gifts and resources from our community. THANK YOU!

MacKenzie Lectureship Weekend - February 7 to 9, 2025

We warmly welcome as this year's MacKenzie Lecturer, Dr. Nancy Ammerman, a world-renowned sociologist of religion and leading expert on congregations and congregational life, having conducted major research projects and written countless articles, reports, and books. For Saturday's workshop, she will be joined by Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, who serves as the regional director for a national project researching the effects of the pandemic on congregations.

Lecture, Friday, 2/7 at 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and YouTube

How Shall We Gather? Reflections on America's Changing Religious Landscape and the Necessary Future of the Church

Workshop, Saturday, 2/8 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. | Plymouth Hall

Envisioning the Church of the Future

Worship, Sunday, 2/9

Contemplative Prayer Service at 8:30 a.m. | Chapel

Sanctuary Worship at 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary and YouTube

Invite others to attend with you!