



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Some Trust in Chariots
February 16, 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.

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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.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN AND YOUTH (K-12) Children and Youth start in Worship, and then go to Sunday School.

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

Kingsfold
Congregational Bells
Kajsa Teitelbaum, director

arr. K. McChesney

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Kowatch

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN 26

We Worship You, God

INVOCATION

Holy God,
We come this morning to worship you.
You are the Ancient of Days
and were here long before we were born.
Your vision for creation is beyond our imagination
Forgive us for being feeble and frail.
Restore and remind us that in you do we trust.
For you are our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
May we turn to you in this hour
and know you in all these ways.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10

SERMON

Some Trust in Chariots

HYMN: 313

Like A Tree Beside the Water

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 God's Grace arr. Valerie Saker
Evanne Browne, Kajsja Teitelbaum, handbells
Christine Teng, piano

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

MISSION MOMENT Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) Stephanie Mayer

OFFERTORY Almighty and Everlasting God O. Gibbons (1583-1625)
Chancel Choir, Christine Teng, piano

Lyrics:
Almighty and everlasting God,
Mercifully look upon our infirmities,
And in all our dangers and necessities,
Stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us.
Through Christ, our Lord. 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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
All good gifts come from you, O God.
You have given us life, and new life in Christ.
As you have given us gifts,
so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts
to one another and all of creation,
even as Jesus taught and lived. Amen.

*HYMN

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C minor

F. Mendelssohn

HAPPENING TODAY

Forum: Active Hope Preview-Sunday, 2/16 at 9:15 a.m. | Standish Room

Join us to explore *Active Hope* and how it fosters resilience and transformation. This session introduces the concept, guiding us through gratitude, grief, connection, and change. We'll reflect on our individual journeys and shift from "business as usual" to active participation in the Great Shift. Facilitated by Rich Molpus, this discussion serves as a prelude to a larger forum led by Sarah Schulte, Mary Catherine Molpus, and Monica Muller-a Joanna Macy Fellow with a PhD in Philosophy focused on Ethics, Social, and Political Philosophy.

LGBTQIA+ and Allies Ministry Lunch-Third Sunday of the Month, from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

On the third Sunday of each month the LGBTQIA+ and Allies Ministry gather for food, fun, fellowship and ministry business. Each person is responsible to bring your own lunch and drink. You can bring a snack to share if you like. If you are a visitor on the third Sunday and want to join us, please see one of the pastors after the service and they will help you find the group. We will have extra sandwiches to share with you. Please join us! If you would like more info, please contact Linda Kowatch (linda@firstcong.net).

Register Now for Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble Performance!

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

NAACP Boulder County invites you to attend an evening with the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble! This Freedom Fund Celebration, while free and open to the public, requires Registration (<https://tinyurl.com/46349cwe>) to reserve your spot. Donations are appreciated.

Join LGBTQ+ and Allies for the Film 1946

Friday, 2/21 at 7:00 p.m. | Pine Street Church 1237 Pine St. Boulder

1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. Join the LGBTQ+ and Allies Ministry in attending this event on Friday, February 21 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased online (<https://tinyurl.com/mr4yf9nu>) Contact Linda Kowatch (linda@firstcong.net).

Forum by Ministry of Last Things (MLT): Roots, Fruits and Seeds Part 1

Sunday, 2/23, at 9:15 am. | Standish Room

As we age, we often think about what inheritance we will leave for our loved ones in terms of monetary or material gifts, but how many of us think about our Spiritual Legacies? In this two-part forum the MLT will invite you to share stories of who impacted your life, why it made a difference and what you want to share or pass on through your life. Join us as we look at our Roots, Fruits and Seeds.

Welcoming New Members-Sunday, 2/23

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, February 24. If you would like to learn more, please contact Julie Griffiths (julie@firstcong.net).

Conversation with Former Congressman David Skaggs-Sunday, 2/23 at Noon

After 10:30 a.m. worship and a brief coffee break, we will reassemble in the Sanctuary to share thoughts and concerns about the first five weeks of the Trump presidency. David Skaggs, member of the congregation and our former Congressman, will offer a brief assessment of the events and decisions of the new administration and the national political scene. David will then open the floor to questions and comments.

FOG: Fellowship of the Grape-Friday, 2/28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

FOG is a gathering of over-21 people sharing wine (or non-alcoholic beverages) and getting to know each other. Volunteer hosts choose a theme and provide plates, napkins and a NA beverage. Couples bring a bottle of wine and a hearty appetizer to share. Singles bring either. Wine glasses are provided. All are welcome! Contact; Marj Fowler (marjfowler@gmail.com).

Join Our Collective Action Email List

Are you ready to bring more justice into the world? Sign-up (<https://tinyurl.com/2pbd59am>) to be added to our weekly collective action list. Led by our congregation's Coalition of Social Justice Ministries, we will send out a weekly email with something, one thing, you can do during the week to advocate for a more just world. Contact: Laura Riihimaki (lauradian@hotmail.com).

Annual Congregational Meeting-Sunday, 3/2 at Noon | Plymouth Hall

Agenda items include the election of officers, board and committee members, an update on the progress of our Faith in Action Strategic Plan, and approval of the 2025 budget. The Meeting will begin with a meal of homemade chilis and soups. Kids are invited to participate in special activities during the meeting.

Calling All Soup Makers for Annual Meeting

Saturday, 3/1: Table Set Up & Sunday, 3/2: Annual Meeting | Plymouth Hall

Volunteers needed for the Annual Meeting to set tables on Saturday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m., and more volunteers are needed on Sunday, March 2, to provide chili or hearty soups, bread, brownies, and to clean-up after the meeting. Sign Up Here (<https://tinyurl.com/2xcujdkd>). Contact Carol Hasselbacher (carol.hasselbacher@gmail.com), Brad Sissom (brad@fsight.com), or Sarah Schulte (scschulte50@gmail.com) with questions. Many thanks to you, and see you on Sunday, March 2!

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 with the QR code.



Together, We are Rising! Update!

Thank you to the many of you who have made a pledge and/or a one-time gift to this year's operating budget campaign. If you changed your pledge for 2025, don't forget to change any automatic payments (REALM or through your bank) to the new amount. Your Stewardship Team is working on pulling in our missing pledges and gifts. If you have it on your list to make a gift, visit (<https://firstcong.net/annual-pledge>) to make your 2025 annual pledge or visit (<https://firstcong.net/2025-one-time-gift>) to make a one-time gift to help us meet our \$25,000 match (we've got about \$6,000 to go!). Many thanks!

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!



