



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



Zacchaeus, by Lauren Wright Pittman-Inspired by Luke 19:1-10

The Second Sunday of Lent
Everything In Between: Righteousness and Mercy
March 16, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)
Congregational Bells & Chancel Choir
Amy Volda, Cello Kajsja Teitelbaum, director

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN 70

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

COMMISSIONING RACIAL JUSTICE PILGRIMS

Children and Youth may leave for Church School

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.

When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.

Again and again, bring us closer to you.

Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

HYMN 290

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,
wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;
stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10

SERMON Everything In Between: Righteousness and Mercy

HYMN 449 Softly and Tenderly

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;
And 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

OFFERTORY Reconciliation Song B. Owens, C. Cloninger, M. Chapman
Kajsa Teitelbaum, Sarah Hess

*Oh let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace
And let us be a holy nation
Where pride and prejudice shall cease*

*Let us speak the truth in love
To the lost and least of these
And let serve the Lord in unity so others will believe
Let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace*

*Oh let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace
And let us build on one foundation
Till He comes and the wars of men shall cease*

*Let us share the Love of Jesus without hypocrisy
Let mercy and forgiveness begin with you and me
Let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace*

*Have we not one Father?
Have we not one faith?
Have we not one calling to become one Holy race?*

*Let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace
And let us pray for restoration
And seek the Lord together on our knees*

*Let us keep our hearts from evil
And cling to what is good
Let us honor one another and love the brotherhood
Let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace*

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

***HYMN 438** When Peace Like A River

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Allegro Moderato
from Voluntary VI in Dmajor

J. Stanley

HAPPENING TODAY

Timeless Light-Today, from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. | Standish Room

Timeless Light, The Photography of Dan Baumbach. Fine art photographer Dan Baumbach will speak about his career, process and inspiration. Dan states, "Art and music are my favorite entry points to the peace that comes from being internally quiet... It is my hope that my photographs express that inner quiet and bring peace to the viewer." Dan's work and that of other artists from Open Studios, are featured in "Our Best Shots," on view through April 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Concert Series-Thursday, 3/20 at 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of flute and piano, featuring Rachelle Crowell and our very own Kajsa Teitelbaum. Praised for her sound, technique, and stage presence, Rachelle Crowell is a flutist and educator. A two time NFA Young Artist quarterfinalist, she has won multiple competitions. She has performed with esteemed ensembles, including the Colorado Symphony, Boulder Chamber Orchestra, Cheyenne Symphony, Colorado Bach Ensemble, and Boulder Philharmonic.

Usher/Greeter/Safety Team Appreciation Coffee-Sunday, 3/23, 9:15 a.m. | Heritage Room

We're grateful for this opportunity to gather for morning coffee and treats to thank all those who serve as representatives of our church's warm welcome on Sunday mornings and for every service of worship. If you are interested in joining this fine crew, please join us for this event and learn more!

Soul Box Project at Day of Remembrance Museum of Boulder-Gun Violence Prevention Ministry (GVP) Saturday, 3/22 at 2 p.m.-Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

A public memorial to honor the victims of the King Soopers mass shooting on March 22, 2021 will be held at the Museum of Boulder. All are welcome to join with our community to offer support to each other and honor those who are no longer with us. Panels from our church's Soul Box Project will be exhibited along with Boulder Strong's installation of items that were preserved after the tragedy. Contact Carol Young (ccyoung2010@gmail.com).

Newcomers Coffee-Sunday 3/23, 11:45 a.m. | Heritage Room

Are you new to the First Congregational Church community, looking to find out more, and get better connected? Join us after 10:30 a.m. worship to get to know some of our staff and leaders, and learn more about the many ways you can get involved, including joining us as a member. Can't make this one? There's another coffee on April 27.

FCC Palestine Israel Network Forum with Rabbi Michael Kengmana Wednesday, 3/26 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Please join FCC PIN on Zoom on Wed. March 26 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hear Rabbi Michael Kengmana speak about his experiences growing up Jewish in America, how he became aware of Palestine, and his experiences running summer camps for Palestinian children at the Ramallah Friends School. As a teacher, he will challenge us to think about how we view Israel, Zionism, and antisemitism. Bring your questions! For more info, contact Jane Thomas (jane.thomas@colorado.edu).

Dinners for 7—Another Round for Spring!

Dinners for 7 is a fellowship program involving sharing a meal, catching up with old friends, and meeting new friends. Participants are organized into groups of seven, who will meet three times, on their own schedule. Groups can meet on a potluck basis at homes, rotating hosting duties. Or meet for breakfast or lunch, or at a restaurant. A group leader will work with participants on specific details. Register (<https://tinyurl.com/bdhrpunb>) by March 26 or contact Karen Cumbo (kjcumbo@gmail.com).

A Gift of Song-Saturday, 3/29 at 4:00 p.m.- Sanctuary

We are the Boulder Threshold Singers. 16 women providing songs of comfort with soft harmonies. We also will be singing some upbeat songs that we all need for these times. There will be opportunities to sing with us. We hope you will feel connected to your fellow community members. There are many chapters throughout the world. To register, email (pattersen0068@gmail.com).

Fellowship Hour Needs Your Help-Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. | Sign Up (<https://tinyurl.com/y2cauf5m>)
Each Sunday after worship we meet in Plymouth Hall (or The Link on Soup Kitchen Sundays) for a time of fellowship, coffee and treats. Please consider providing 2-3 dozen baked or packaged cookies, or 2 loaves of fruit breads or 20-30 pieces of coffee cake, etc.... to be shared at Fellowship Hour. Contact Wendy Hall (whall8@comcast.net) if you have questions or are unable to sign up using the link. Thanks for sharing your sweet love with one another!

Easter Flowers-Dedications and Memorials (<https://tinyurl.com/mrtam3vw>)

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter we are accepting donations for the display of potted plants for the chancel on Easter Morning. You can dedicate flowers In Honor of or In Memory of or you can give anonymously with no message. You can also donate a plant to be given as a Grace Gift. The donation for each plant is \$25, by Sunday, April 13. If you have questions, please contact Julie Griffitts (julie@firstcong.net).

Worship and Conversation with Dr. Reiland Rabaka-Sunday, 4/6 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary and Online

We are honored to welcome Dr. Reiland Rabaka, the Founder and Director of the Center for African & African American Studies at CU Boulder. During 10:30 a.m. worship, he will preach on "Agape: A Biblical Blueprint for Building the Beloved Community." Following the service and a short coffee break in the Link, we will return to the Sanctuary for a Congregational Conversation with Dr. Rabaka.

To prepare for our time with Dr. Rabaka, you are invited to listen to an episode of his podcast: The Cause: Conversations on Music, History, and Democracy, where he takes a deep dive into the meaning of allyship. (<https://tinyurl.com/36x22mdt>)

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms on Pine Street
10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary and YouTube

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:30 p.m. A Service of Shadows with Holy Communion – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mozart's Requiem – Sanctuary and YouTube

Good Friday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service of Prayer – Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (and YouTube at 11 a.m.)
Extended Musical Preludes at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

A festive fellowship hour is held between the services. Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during worship is available.

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