

October 17, 2021

11:00

Prelude

Sonata in D
Allegro pomposo -
Andante maestoso -
Allegro ma non troppo,
David Artley, Trumpeter;
Joe Galema, Organist

Introit

Enter Here to Praise the Lord
Lois Myers Emig

***Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great
Jehovah
Hymnal, Page 127

*Please stand as you are able

***Call to Worship**

Jan Caffey

Leader: We gather as a community mindful of those who have
gone before us,

**People: A people gathered in God's love to be a sign of
hope.**

Leader: We celebrate their witness and faithfulness,

**People: Letting your love spring forth for our city and the
world,**

Leader: We join their work of service and witness,

People: On the eternal journey of living as signs of God's grace.

***Invocation**

Loving God, like so many before us, we have been called to this time and place to worship you. You are the Rock, the eternal One who beckons and sends, who heals and challenges, who provides peace and holy disturbance. We join the long line of faithful people who offer our praise and our lives to you. Meet us in this time of worship and fill us with your Spirit. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, our past is glorious. Our story is one of success and growth and transformation. We celebrate that. We can't live there, in the past, O God. We repent for not paying attention to the new things you are doing in our midst. We admit we would rather have our church be a museum honoring our past than a place where we risk the new and the unknown. Help us lay aside our fears, our need to cling to past success, our reluctance to move into your unknown but exciting future. Remind us that in each new day you are present, providing what we need for that day, for that season. Make us strong and courageous for the tasks you have set before us.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Please pray in silence

Words of Assurance

Anthem

Celebrate the Day,
Pepper Choplin
Combined Chancel &
Youth Choirs;
Steve Harter, Director
Monument Hill Brass;
Joe Galema, Organist

Time for Children

Marjorie Gross

Words of Welcome

Offertory

*Christ is Made the Sure
Foundation,* David Willcocks
Joe Galema, Organist

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All
Blessings Flow*
Hymnal, Page 94

***Affirmation of Faith**

Todd Spencer
Hymnal, Page 883

***Hymn**

God Is Here
Hymnal, Page 660

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 138
Page 617

Pastoral Prayer

Zach Walker

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

***O Gracious God, Mark Hayes
Combined Chancel & Youth
Choirs;
Steve Harter, Director
Monument Hill Brass; Joe
Galema, Organist***

This anthem was commissioned by Reverend Steve Harter in 2021. The music is dedicated to the Choirs of First United Methodist Church in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of First United Methodist Church (1871-2021), Colorado Springs, Colorado. Reverend Steve Harter, Minister of Music and Arts. Reverend Kent Ingram, Senior Minister

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Page 1144

Sermon

Eternal.

Kent Ingram

***Hymn**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns
Above*
Hymnal, Page 126

***Benediction**

***Sending Forth**

Lead On, O King Eternal
Hymnal, Page 580, Verse 3

Postlude

*When In Our Music God is
Glorified,*
Craig Philips,
Joe Galema, Organist

Greeting from former ministers

As we celebrate 150 years of ministry, we thought it would be appropriate to bring back some of our past writings. These words are from former ministers, written in 1946 at the 75th anniversary of First Methodist Church, as it was known then. We hope you enjoy these words from 75 years ago.

From Dr. Merle N. Smith of Pasadena

There are few relationships on Earth more significant and rewarding than that of a pastor and the people of his church.

My own experience as a pastor for seven years of our First Church, Colorado Springs, affords some of the happiest and most grateful memories of my life.

The beauty of Colorado Springs and its matchless mountains environs, the friendliness of its people, the unbroken unity of the church and the wholehearted devotion of its members to the cause of Christ in the world, their amazing, never failing kindness to Mrs. Smith and myself. And our daughters Isobel in Esther-Merle - these are pictures on the walls of memory which outlasts the intervening years.

The continued growth and prosperity of the church in buildings and in program activities especially for the care of its children and youth, is a source of joy and gratitude to us all. The influence of this beloved church has gone out through all the earth and the words to the end of the world.

How many of its devoted leaders and helpers have passed into the Unseen Holy!

I send my affectionate greetings to all the members of the church, young and old. God speed this dear church forward on another seventy-five years of triumphant achievement.

From Dr. George W. McDonald of Long Beach

It is with sincere appreciation we look back on the gracious years of fellowship with you in service, at the foot of the Rockies, in the “city of sunshine”, where “Vessey always sings” and Fritz plays. The lines have indeed fallen unto us in pleasant places. All our churches have been exceedingly kind. The years we spent and First Church were indeed gracious years. The gratitude and love you bestowed upon us during our short sojourn there have made the years between more enjoyable and fruitful.

As we recall, the many and happy comradeships with those of you who chance to be alive up on the surface of the earth now, memory brings close and warm about us other dear ones who we have “loved long since and lost a while.” The dear dead who served with us and who have fallen on sleep are included in her grateful appreciation.

Whenever the needs of your present and future tasks may be, as you strive towards greater things in consciously sufficient wisdom and strength be given you for them all, and

may the Master's spirit of duty and service ennoble all your days and ways.

From Dr. Fred Cox of Denver, associated with Dr .McDonald

We feel deeply thankful that we are in the company of highly favored people who will celebrate the 75th anniversary of First Church, because we have "belonged" to it. What a rich fellowship it has been, and what generous service it has given us! Because of their power to inspire and bless, the memories of past years deserve to be kept vividly alive, while the high assurance of an increasing ministry, is enough to command the continuing devotion of the people of that lovely city among whom First Church shines.

First News

Afghan Refugee Support

Thank you! We have far exceeded our goal of supporting one refugee family with \$18,000! We've more than doubled the amount we needed to support one family. We have collecting an offering for the Refugee family we will be supporting, we may be able to support more than one family. We will continue to add updates to are Afghan Refugee Support webpage at www.fumc-cs.org/ars.

150 Years!

2021 marks the 150th year since the founding of First United Methodist Church! We are kicking off the celebration with a commissioned anthem at the 11:00 service and banquet at the Antler's at 5:00pm. (Reservations for tonight are closed.) Look for other activities and displays we will participate in throughout the celebration. To find out more, visit our website at www.fumc-cs.org/150.

Youth Fall Retreat Saturday, October 29-31

Are you, or do you know a youth 7th to 12th grade? Are you ready to rest, play, eat, and worship?! Come get away with us to our place in the mountains - John Wesley Ranch. We'll grow closer to God. We'll grow closer to each other. We will learn from a Senior Youth Leader and each other. Friends are always welcome! Our Fall Retreat is Saturday, October 29-31 at John Wesley Ranch. Please register to attend our Fall Retreat by October 27, by

turning in Trip Forms online at www.fumc-cs.org/youth and \$40 (payments made out to FUMC).

UMW Bazaar

Everyone is invited to the United Methodist Women's (UMW) largest event of the year! The yearly UMW Bazaar will be held in the Fellowship Hall on October 30 beginning at 9:00am. Join us in the morning for a cinnamon roll and a cup of coffee for \$5.00 before you shop at the variety of booths. Baked goods including pies, breads and cakes will be available as well as frozen casseroles. Additionally there will be crafts, holiday gifts and decorations, greeting cards, large and small quilts, quilted wall hangings, table runners and much more. The most famous booth includes a large variety of used and new jewelry. Shop and enjoy a delightful lunch of a special Denver meat casserole, fruit cup and cinnamon roll for \$7.00 between 10:00am and 1:00pm. If you have donations for any of the mentioned booths or for the UMW, please bring them to the church. All profits will be used for United Methodist Women's missions. See you at the Bazaar!

Contemplative Worship Leader: Dr. Todd Spencer

Wednesdays, 5:40-6:25pm - October 27-November 17 - Prayer Room

Are you thirsty for a quieter time for connecting and resting with God in community? Could you use a mid-week time for worshipful nourishment? If so, you are invited to this meditative gathering each Wednesday evening as a part of our Faith Academy program. This gathering is a weaving together of silence, song,

Scripture, prayer and numerous other contemplative practices. If you are attending a Faith Academy class, this may be an ideal way to start your evening. We have participants from FUMC as well as the larger Springs community. All are welcome.

Lectionary Bible Study Leader: Rev. Kent Ingram

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - October 27-November 17 - Room 133

Each week we will take a look at the lectionary texts for the week, those assigned for the following Sunday. W

Conflict In the Middle East: A History of Islam -Leader: Bruce Phillips

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - November 3 - November 17 - Room 233

The religion of Islam profoundly affects the culture, politics, and goals of almost all of the nations of the Middle East. In this class we will look at the origins, traditions, and values of the world's second largest religious group.