

### Faithful Play: An All-Ages Experience

Are you ready to try some new faith practices at home with your kids? Or are you ready to try a faith practice at home for the first time, but you're not sure where to start? Come join us Sunday, February 19 at 11:30 for the inaugural "Faithful Play," where we will learn some playful, joyful ways to engage in our faith at home.

This event is for the whole family - please bring the kids (and grandparents)! I'll be introducing a few family friendly faith resources. We'll try them together and you'll pick your family's favorite to take home. All of them are simple, fun, and easy to implement

### Help Stock Our Food Pantry!

We are committed to providing food bags to anyone who comes through our doors requesting support. For January and February you are invited to contribute by bringing canned chicken or tuna with a pull tab top, or applesauce cups. All donations can be placed in the basket outside of the Sanctuary.

### La Foret Spring Retreat

The Middle & High School Spring Retreat is an inward and outward journey for youth in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ. Counselors from churches around the conference have crafted a space where all youth can be their truest selves. Camp is a safe, brave space where to ask questions, explore faith, and connect more deeply to self, community, the earth, and the Holy. Registration is required at [lafort.org/ucc-camps](http://lafort.org/ucc-camps)

Scholarships are available for families with financial need; please contact Hutton.

### Worship in Chadwick

Thank you for worshipping with us in Chadwick at 10am through February 10. The Sanctuary is getting new flooring,, some A/V upgrades that require the movement of pews, and during reinstallation, pew spacing will be adjusted.

### Additional Announcements & Full Calendar

For more details regarding the following ways to engage, connect, and serve with First Congregational Church visit [www.firstconggreeley.com/announcements](http://www.firstconggreeley.com/announcements):

- Becoming a Member at First Congregational
- Wednesday Night Live Schedule and Menu
- Choir Rehearsal Schedules
- A Place at the Table: Cabaret & Cabernet
- A Place at the Table: Jam It!
- Adult Education: Confirmation for Adults
- A Place at the Table: Seeking Potluck Hosts
- Ash Wednesday Meal & Worship

You can access the church calendar at <https://www.firstconggreeley.com/calendar>.

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## First Congregational United Church of Christ

Greeley, CO

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10:00 am

### PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Melody Bober

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### CHORAL INTROIT

Sing Praise to God

arr. Leland Satern

### WELCOME

(Leader/People)

Seekers and believers, people of faith, and people of no faith at all, no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey... **You are welcome here.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

(The Lord's Prayer as printed in the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

Father and Mother of us all,

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;**

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom**

**sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, **Feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another, **Forgive us.**

In times of temptation and test, **Strengthen us.**

From trial too great to endure, **Spare us.**

From the grip of all that is evil, **Free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, **Now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN - Verses 1-3

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Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Hymn continued inside

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**STRONG GENTLE CHILDREN**

Strong, gentle children, God made you beautiful  
 Gave you the wisdom and power you need  
 Speak in the stillness all you are longing for  
 Live out your calling to love and to lead

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 6:7-21 & Luke 11:1-10

For the Word of God in scripture,  
 For the Word of God among us,  
 For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION**

Rev. Tamara Torres McGovern

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Mikhail M. Ippolitov-Ivanof

**CALL TO THANKSGIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God all creatures here below  
 Praise God for all that love has done.  
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father (God), 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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

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**For the Beauty of the Earth**

*St. 1-3, Foliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt. St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 4 For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,

For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

*Refrain*  
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

*Foliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain  
 Conrad Kocher, 1838  
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Hallelujah, Amen

G. F. Handel

**POSTLUDE**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher, arr. Chris Rice

**Kids & Youth Faith Formation**

**Children:** This week, we are exploring the Lord's Prayer together. All kids 3 years old to 5th grade are welcome to join our worship.

**Youth:** Youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join us in the Youth Room during the 10 am service. Join us for a meal with Wednesday Night Live (WNL) from 5-6 pm. Youth Group will be from 6-7:15 pm. All youth are welcome for learning, snacks, and games!

**Nursery care** is available weekly from 9:45-11:15 am.

**Winter Items Drive**

United Way of Weld County is encouraging our wider community to donate essential items for those experiencing homelessness. As you know, this winter has been a doozy! Our congregation can help by donating the following NEW items for adults and children: beanies, gloves and socks. There will be a box in the west entry of the church in which items can be deposited. We will continue taking donations until February 26th.

Questions? Contact Karen Fentiman (970-330-8926) or Judy Smith (720-854-9691).

**Wednesday Night Live**

Join us for a meal at 5 pm (\$3/person, \$9/family), kids games at 5:30 pm and 6 pm for Adult Education and Youth Group. Our meal this week will be sandwiches & soup.

**In Loving Memory**

**Dave Best**

July 18, 1943 - December 22, 2022  
 Services will be held Tuesday, January 31 at 2pm in the Chapel.