

Calendar for the Week Ahead

Sunday, July 18

8:00 am - Indoor Worship & Worship
Live Streamed on YouTube
10:00 am - Indoor Worship & Outdoor Faith
Formation for kids

Monday, July 19

12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer

Tuesday, July 20

9:30 pm - Staff Meeting
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer (hybrid)
1:30 pm - Library Team
6:00 pm - *Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, July 21

12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
6:00 pm - Youth Coffee with Rev. Ben

Thursday, July 22

12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer

Friday, July 23

8:00 am - ROMEOs, Epic Egg 10th Street
12:00 pm - *Centering Prayer
1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, July 24

11:00 am - Red Fehr Memorial Service

Sunday, July 25

8:00 am - Indoor Worship & Worship
Live Streamed on YouTube
10:00 am - Indoor Worship & Outdoor Faith
Formation for kids
11:00 am - Kim's retirement reception

*An asterisk denotes an online or Zoom event. For link and password, please see the Friday email blast or contact the church office.

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**No matter who you are or where you
are on life's journey, you are welcome
here.**

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Greeley, CO

Sunday, July 18, 2021

8:00am

**An asterisk indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.
Our pianist this morning is Shona Royle-Grimes.*

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish melody arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Response: **Help us know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowing**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

*HYMN

Awake, Awake to Love and Work NCH #89

Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky;
the fields are wet with diamond dew;
The worlds awake to cry
their praises to the Fount of Life;
Christ Jesus passes by.

Come, let your voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up,
God's gift for all your days!
So let the love of Jesus come
and set your soul ablaze,

To give and give, and give again,
as God's own grace is free;
To spend yourself nor count the cost;
To serve most gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING & RESPONSE

Ephesians 3:14-21

Response: *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. Ben Konecny

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace Craig Courtney
Heather Schulte, soprano; Shona Royle-Grimes, piano

CALL TO THANKSGIVING

Ushers will not pass the offering plates, but you can contribute to the life of the church by sharing your gift in the offering plate as you exit. You may also text FCCG to 73256 to give by text or visit our website to give online!

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Please feel free to use the language that is most familiar and comfortable for you.)
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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing NCH #77

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to the truth may we be found.

So that when your love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us,
glad your summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever
live with you in endless day.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O God Our Help in Ages Past William Croft, arr. Steven Scott

Kim Pace's Retirement Celebration

As Kim’s retirement quickly approaches, we are planning a celebration of her long and exemplary music ministry in our church and community! We hope you will join us at the 10am service on her last Sunday, July 25. The service will feature extra organ selections from Kim and immediately following worship, we will host an outdoor reception to bless her as she begins her retirement. We hope you’ll be able to join us.

Poudre River Trail Cleanup

For the last couple of years, volunteers from First Congregational have been helping pick up litter such as candy bar wrappers, water bottles, etc. on a one-and-a-half-mile segment of the Poudre River Trail. This segment of the Trail starts at the Bunk House at Island Grove and ends at 25th Avenue. The ministry runs twice each month from April through September. We need volunteers for August and September. Volunteers can be individuals, families, church groups or any other combinations you can think of! For more information, please contact Karen Fentiman at kgfentiman@comcast.net or 330-8926.

Youth Coffee with Ben

This Wednesday, all middle and high school students are invited to join Rev. Ben at Margie's for a cup of coffee from 6-7pm. You don’t need to bring anything. We hope you’ll join us!

Greeters & Readers Needed

We are working on rebuilding our rosters for both readers and greeters for the 8am and 10am services. Greeters arrive about 20 minutes prior to the service, welcome people as they come in, and hand out bulletins. Readers receive a script with the scripture and instructions for the call to thanksgiving a few days before the service. We keep lists of those willing to help and work to schedule them in advance. If you are interested in trying your hand at either of these roles, please reach out to the church office!

Meet Our New Organist

We are thrilled to announce the hire of our next organist, following Kim's retirement. Dr. Keenan Boswell is an accomplished organist, having received a Bachelors degree in Organ Performance from The Juilliard School, a Masters in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College, and a Doctorate in Opera Coaching from The University of Texas in Austin. He also works a professional coach, teaching self healing practices through music and metaphysics as the means through which on can access and actualize their most authentic expression of self. Dr. Boswell's first Sunday as our organist will be August 1.

Pizza & Popsicles

On Sunday, August 1st, we will host a pizza & popsicles event for families with children preschool-5th grade so you can meet our new children's minister, Tammi Van Drunen! Please join us at 5pm in the backyard of Michelle Heiny (1617 27th Ave Ct) for food and games! An RSVP to the Church office (laura@firstconggreeley.com) is appreciated.

Staff Vacations

Rev. Tamara is on vacation through August 9.
Laura is on vacation until July 21st.

Help us continue to shape our vision for our capital campaign!

We are thrilled to announce that prominent local artist and church member, Betony Coons, has been hired as our interior design consultant for our capital campaign. Betony would like to begin her work with us by hearing from you! Here is a note from Betony, “Friends, I am so excited to start imagining how our wonderful church space can be refreshed and reimaged. I invite you to join me at church on Wednesday July 21 or July 28 at 10:30 AM for a walk through. I’ll want to collect ideas from YOU. It is so important to me to hear how we honor our rich past while creating a great future!