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Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem - Rembrandt, 1630

Making a Home in Exile

September 5, 2021 | 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:30 am Service
Adagio in E minor from Voluntary VII J. Stanley
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

10:30 am Service
Berceuse Op. 16 G. Faure
Rebecca Flintoft, cello, Kajsa Teitelbaum, piano

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Linda Kowatch

Eternal God,
There are days when the burdens we carry
are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down,
when the road seems dreary and endless
and the skies are threatening and gray.
There are days when our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their center.
And so, we pray, Good Shepherd, lead us.
Flood the path with your healing light.
Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise,
and tune our hearts to hear brave music.
Give us a sense of communion
with our siblings and the saints of every age.
Quicken our spirits so that we may encourage
all those who journey with us along the way.
To your honor and glory we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Augustine (354-430)

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

SERMON

Making a Home in Exile

CALL TO PRAYER

Listening

L. Morris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pedro S. Silva II

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This congregation practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God who gives us life and breath, in gratitude for this moment, this meal,
 and your covenant of love, we give ourselves to you.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.

Ask much of us and encourage many through us,
 so that whether we are gathered or scattered,

we may be the servant church of the servant Christ whose Gospel we proclaim. Amen.

HYMN

O God, Who Gives us Life

1.0 GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE AND BREATH, WHO SHAPES US IN THE
 2.0 GOD, WHO CALLS YOUR PED - PLE OUT TO VEN - TURE AND TO
 4 3.0 GOD OF COV - E - NANT AND LAW, RE - VEALD IN CLOUD AND

7 WOMB, WHO GUARDS OUR LIVES FROM BIRTH TO DEATH, THEN
 DARE, TO PLUMB THE BLEAK A - BYSS OF DOUBT AND
 FLAME, YOUR MIGHT - Y DEEDS E - VOKE OUR AWE: WE

10 LEADS US FROM THE TOMB: DE - LIV - ER US FROM
 FIND YOU E - VEN THERE: WHEN WE DE - SPAIR IN
 DARE NOT SPEAK YOUR NAME. YET WE BY FAITH ARE

13 FEARS THAT KILL THE LIFE WE HAVE FROM YOU. HELP
 WAN - DER - ING THROUGH WASTES OF EMP - TY LIES. RE -
 DRAWN TO YOU AND WILL YOUR PED - PLE PROVE, AS

US TO KNOW YOUR SPIR - IT STILL IS MAK - ING ALL THINGS NEW.
 FRESH US WITH THE LI - VING SPRING OF HOPE THAT NEV - ER DIES.
 ON OUR HEARTS YOU WRITE A - NEW THE COV - E - NANT OF LOVE.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

8:30 am Service
 Trumpet tune
 Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

H. Purcell

10:30 Service
 Après un Reve
 Rebecca Flintoft, cello, Kajsa Teitelbaum, piano

G. Faure

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 your financial support. Thank you!

Write a check to the church and mail it to:

First Congregational Church Boulder, 1128 Pine St. Boulder, CO 80302

Or contribute by Text-to-Give by texting to 73256 with the message joy2givefcc

To pay electronically, sign in to your account in Realm, the church's database, where you may make an ACH payment from your bank account or contribute by credit card.

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Following worship, meet church members and friends on Zoom for a time of fellowship. (Bring your own coffee). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/349641499?pwd=OXZkYk0wVnpZU2hZdGxQeXY1TmN6Zz09#success>

CHURCH PICNIC AT FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY PARK | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 11:30 AM

To order your lunch, please RSVP by Wednesday 9/5 - see the link below.

Join us at Foothills Community Park at 800 Cherry Ave., Boulder. We hope to be able to claim the shelter for our gathering and then expect to spread out on the ample lawn. Boxed lunches will be served, kids will be able to play on the playground, and lawn games are being planned. Bring your mask to wear when you're not eating and a lawn chair or picnic blanket. (<https://onrealm.org/firstcong/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NDE5ZWE3NzMtOGI0OS00MzJhLTg3ZDAtYWQ5MDAwZmRkYTFl>) Please follow the registration all the way to end until you receive a confirmation. Alternatively, call the church office if plan to attend - 303-442-1787, ext. 0

VISIONING CONVERSATIONS | SIGN-UP NOW TO PARTICIPATE!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daeae28aaffc16-visioning>

Everyone is busy these days, so the Visioning Conversations have been revised for a single two-hour session. Over fifty people have participated so far, and we want to hear from everyone. What have you learned from the upheaval of the last year? Many people discovered surprising strengths, as well as new ways to connect and live our faith. Where would you like to see our congregation go next? Sign up here to participate in Visioning Conversations in small, facilitated groups, either in person or via Zoom. Let us know if you can't find a time that works; more sessions are being added. Questions? Contact Karen Cumbo - kjcumbo@gmail.com

SMALL GROUPS ARE ON THE WAY | SUBMISSION SHOULD BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 6

Small groups have always been the primary way for people to connect with others while pursuing spiritual transformation in their lives. Small groups foster the building of an interconnected community, where we create opportunities to sojourn together. This fall, how we gather will continue to be shaped by the season that we are in with respect to the pandemic. However, we will continue to be creative in our online gatherings and other offerings. If you are interested in leading a small group this fall, please be in touch with our Small Groups Ministry Facilitator, Susan Wilkinson (suemacnutson@gmail.com) or Pedro Silva (pedro@firstcong.net).

MISSION PARTNER - INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

International Rescue Committee Supporting Afghani Arrivals to Denver

To meet the needs of newly arriving Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) recipients from Afghanistan - people who are affiliated with U.S. missions and thus need protection - the IRC in Denver is raising funds that will go towards securing housing, purchasing household items and food, transportation, medical needs, and meeting other basic needs. For more information...<https://www.rescue.org/announcement/support-afghan-families-resettling-denver>

FEAST PRAY LOVE RETURNS IN OCTOBER | SATURDAY OCTOBER 2ND FROM 5PM-8PM ON THE PLAZA

Register for the upcoming Feast Pray Love youth fundraiser! <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Y2VmMzBjMzYtNWQ3OS00MzZjLTkzNjktYWQ3YTAMTUxMjQ0>

We will be hosting dinner as well as silent and live auctions. All proceeds from the dinner and auctions will go toward the 2022 youth mission trip where students will be doing hurricane relief work on the the Island of Grand Bahama. If you have auction donations please get in touch with Calvin at calvin@firstcong.net