

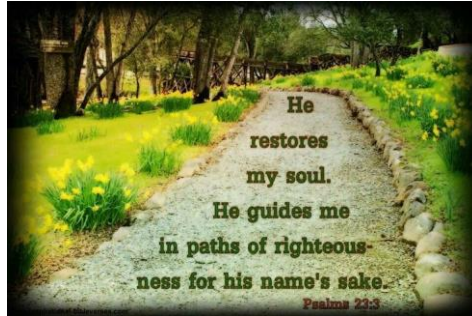
# First United Methodist Church

Building A Village of Faith

July 18, 2021 – 11:00 AM

## Worship Theme: Of Theater and Theology III

Today we resume our consideration of the connection between theater (or movies) and theology (or religion) by asking whether Theater and/or The Silver Screen reflect priorities and current movements in society back to us – as a mirror – or drive them – as something like a road sign. Maybe it's a false dichotomy we're drawing, and it's actually a bit of both. Either way, for Christians, our relationship with God-in-Christ is there to "interpret the data," that is, to "guide us along right paths for His name's sake." (Psalm 23:3) Curtains, please!



*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ...  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake."*

*- Psalm 23:1 & 3 [NRSV]*

\* It is customary to stand at these times; however, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

### Words of Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Steve

### Music to Set the Tone for Worship

"Horn Fanfare for Worship"  
Karen Ray, piano/organ

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### \* Call to Worship

Amy Gibbs

Leader: Spirit of God, we gather to hear good news this morning.

People: **Fill us, that we might be encouraged and have your Good News to share with others.**

Leader: As we meet you here, Spirit of God,

People: **Our hearts are lifted in praise, glorifying the Source of Life.**

Leader: Spirit of God, grant us listening ears, a discerning mind, and an obedient heart,

People: **That we might test the spirits and walk only in paths of righteousness for your Name's sake.**

[Adapted from Lavon Bayler, Led by Love: Worship Resources for Year B  
(Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 1996), 94]

### \* Hymn of Celebration

"Trust and Obey"

UMH #467

### \* Our Affirmation of Faith (Aloud in Unison)

Amy Gibbs & Congregation

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,...**

### \* The Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

### Children's Message

Video Clip

Anna Aleksa

### Special Music

"Meditation from Thais"  
Norm Ashley, violin; Karen Ray, piano

Jules Massenet

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	1 John 4:1-4 [NRSV]	Amy Gibbs
<b>Message</b>	"Theater / The Silver Screen: Mirror or Road Sign?"	Pastor Steve
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Steve
<b>Time for Reflection &amp; Response</b>	"Fantasia in a minor"	Gibbons (1583-1625)
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving w/ The Lord's Prayer</b>		Amy Gibbs
<b>Doxology</b>	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
<b>* Going Forth in Song</b>	"I Love to Tell the Story"	UMH #156
<b>* Benediction</b>		Pastor Steve
<b>Postlude</b>	"Go Forth for God"	Genevan Psalter (1551)



### **Prayers for Our People & Beyond**

- For the family of Marian Gross who passed away 7/5 in Denver.
- For Ashley Goldthwaite's Aunt Becky who underwent breast cancer surgery this past week.
- For the family of Clint Maxfield who passed away 7/5. Cards of sympathy can be sent to his daughter: Andrea (Robert) VanGundy, 8391 E. Amherst Cir., Denver, CO 80231.
- Nell Rozelle who is recovering at Eagle Ridge of Grand Valley. Care cards can be sent to her home at 2103 Gunnison Ave. GJ 81501.
- **Praying for our District Churches** (1 every week) – This week is for United Methodist Church of Eagle Valley, Colorado. This congregation is led by Rev. Molly Booker.
- For Elementary and Family Camps coming up in the week ahead.

***To add someone to the phone prayer chain, please call Peggy Price at 242-4206***

*Thank you for participating in our worship service today.  
We hope you continue to be with us!*