



## WHY TABLE CHURCH?

**Jesus ate with others.** All the time. He ate with friends (Luke 10:38-42); with the powerful who were seen as the enemy (Luke 5:27-32); with those who showed up uninvited and were seen as "less than" (Luke 7:36-50); and with crowds of men, women, and children (Luke 9:10-17). FoCo Cafe has the potential to bring people we know and people we have yet to meet together at the table.

**We're people of the table.** As Disciples, breaking bread together is the heart of our worship and who we are as a community of faith. The table is where we deepen our relationships with each other and with God in Jesus. It's where we remember God's abundant love for all and imagine how we might respond to that love. All who are hungry are welcome at Jesus' table. We're delighted to partner with the FoCo Cafe—a local non-profit restaurant whose mission is based on feeding everyone in our community who hungers—for physical nourishment and for real community.

**We love being in our community.** We're a congregation whose roots are in meeting out in the community. Our earliest services of worship were in Kruse Elementary, Colorado Academy of Arts, and GK Gymnastics. In our 25th anniversary year, we're thrilled to return to worshipping in community-based space. More than that, we love *being* community—creating space for people to show up and be seen for who they truly are and loved into life-giving relationships.

**We love serving others.** At the table, we explore our call to serve and we find the sustenance we need to respond to that call. We're grateful for our existing partnership with the FoCo Cafe; over the past three years, our Harvest of the Heart Community Garden has grown hundreds of pounds of produce for their kitchen. Our generosity has allowed them to live out one of their core commitments—preparing food that's fresh, healthy, local, and sustainable. By partnering with the FoCo Cafe, there's the potential for us to deepen our partnership by joining in the meal preparation and clean up. In addition to helping sustain the cafe financially, our worship service also ensures an additional meal is served at the cafe each week—more fully meeting a need in our community.

**We love meeting our neighbors.** Gathering in north Fort Collins expands our presence in the community beyond our building in southeast Fort Collins. It also creates an opportunity for us to connect with a group of folks who already know and love the FoCo Cafe; folks who might have never have the opportunity or inclination to enter our church building. We're already imagining the new relationships that might be nourished and grow in this space.