

Littleton United Methodist Church
June 28, 2009
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word

Prelude

During the prelude, please silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

The Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Members and guests please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew.

+Introit

He Is Exalted

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+Greeting

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: If you hunger in your wilderness, come, and manna shall fall from heaven, this bread that the Lord has given.

People: **Loaves and fish shall fill the baskets, this bread that Christ has broken.**

Pastor: Let us take and eat, that our world may find healing;

People: **Let us partake at one table, that our world may know peace.**

Pastor: Let us bless and break our bread together,

People: **That those who gather much may have nothing over, and those who find crumbs may have no lack.**

+Entrance Hymn #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we gather to thank you for those times when we have been lifted up by you and known your healing touch. You have clothed us with joy and filled us with hope. We are grateful that even in our days of deepest gloom and despair, you have surrounded us with a love stronger than all our pain, doubts and grievous losses. Come to us now that together we may sense larger realities far greater than the narrow focus of our daily concerns. We await your word. AMEN.

The First Reading

2 Samuel 1:17-27

Matt Johnston, Lay Reader

David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, and ordered that the men of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar): "Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights. How the mighty have fallen! "Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice. "O mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain, nor fields that yield offerings of grain . For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil. From the blood of the slain, from the

flesh of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied. "Saul and Jonathan—in life they were loved and gracious, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. "O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold. "How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights. I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. "How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!"

Reader: This is the word of God for us, the people of God.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 130



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
 Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be worshiped.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
 in the Lord's word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
 For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
 with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

And the Lord will redeem Israel
from all iniquities.

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The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year

you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Healer of Our Every ill

+Gospel Acclamation #2043

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord, the word of God for us, the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Faith at the Seams"

Rev. Rob Licht

+Hymn #262

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

SUTTON COMMON

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

God of peace, we confess that we have relied too much on the weapons of war. We are more ready to honor warriors than to give support to those who work diligently for justice and equality of opportunity. We extol our accumulation of gadgets over a balanced sharing of resources. We are more interested in securing your support for our desires than in conforming ourselves to your will. You have given us much, and we have misspent this abundance, creating idols and pursuing illusions of pleasure. O God, forgive us and re-center us in ways that really matter. **AMEN.**

A Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet Sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Offertory

A special note to our guests: The ministries and work of our church are supported by the generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. You are our GUEST today. Please do not feel compelled to make a contribution. Please accept this time of worship as our gift to you. We hope that it has been meaningful and that you will worship with us again.

+The Doxology #94

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+The Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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+Closing Hymn #370

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

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+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

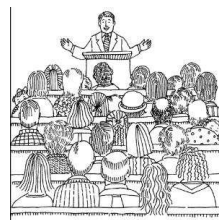
+Postlude

+The congregation will stand as you are able

*** Printed copies of the sermon are available after the service in each narthex*

Our Presence

Attendance last week
Worship service: 64



- Today: 8:45 AM Early Casual Service
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
3:00 PM Memorial Service for Binky Haley's father at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh
- Wednesday: *No Bible study until August*
7:30 PM Choir practice
- Friday: 9:00 AM Food Delivery
- Saturday: 8:00—10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast at our fellowship hall
10:00 Littleton Parade

Our Gifts



The flowers today were given
by Kay Newsom
to the Glory of God

Our Mission Statement

Littleton United Methodist Church strives to provide all-inclusive worship of God through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are committed to deepening our spiritual growth.

We are to minister in Christ's name to the needy, the sick, the dying, the unchurched, and to each other.

We are to be active Christians, spreading the Good News.

We are to strive to witness for Jesus in our daily lives, in our community and throughout the world.



Our Service

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director / Organist: Tom Parker
Organist emeritus: Trudi May
Acolyte: Martha Sherman
Greeters: Maj Johnston (west)
Susan Merchant (east)
Ushers: Al Prescott (west)
Bob Workman (west)
Ed Angel (east)
Nursery: Loretta Woodburn
Mike Herman
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan
Ed Angel

2009 Committee Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Richard Sherman
Congregational Care: Jean Houston
Shepherding: Elizabeth Solovieff
Discipleship: Helen Burtchell
Age Level: TBA
Outreach: Helen Burtchell
Missions: Richard Sherman
Finance: Mike Herman
Pastor-Parish: Sherman Merchant
Lay Leadership: Rob Licht
Trustees: Shirley Anschutz
Kitchen: Marie Fields
Membership: Marj Prescott
Scholarship: Marvin Newsom III
Memorials: Matt Johnston
Newsletter: Susan Merchant
Sunday School Superintendent: Jean Jarvis

Serving in our Church, Community and World

If you are interested in knowing more about our mission projects, our church, or becoming a member, please call Pastor Rob at 252 586-5385.

Once again, we welcome **Janet Weaver**, daughter of Bill and Lois Weaver, as our **guest flutist**. Janet, thank you for sharing your gift of music with us today.

The **Memorial Service for Binky Haley's father** will be at 3:00 PM today at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh.

There will be a fund-raising **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast this Saturday** from 8 - 10am in our fellowship hall (before the Littleton parade). The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Profits from the event will **benefit the LUMC General Fund**. If you would like to help or donate any supplies, please contact Richard Sherman or Sherman Merchant.

*****Note—the side door will be locked during the worship service.**