

Littleton United Methodist Church
July 5, 2009
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of Word and Table

Prelude *National Hymn* arr. SMITH
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 attendance pad located at the end of the pew.

+Introit *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* Page 658

+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: We erect high altars and raise high steeples, but in no one place shall God be found.

People: **We sing right hymns and preach right doctrines, but in no one word shall God be bound.**

Pastor: Our God is not bound, but our God shall build:

People: **Not temples, but truth, not shrine but shalom.**

Pastor: Our God is not bound, but our God shall build:

People: **Not rituals but rights, not dogmas but dreams.**

Pastor: Not a space we call sacred, not a time we call holy, shall confine the works of the almighty Lord!

People: **Let us burst our bonds and break into praise, for our God is free! Our God is free!**

+Entrance Hymn #437 *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

Prayer of the Day

Mighty Ruler, Teacher of all who are willing to grow, let us hear enough of your Word to be astounded. Let us see as many of your deeds as will make us eager to join in outreach to people in need. Grant us enough of Christ's vision and compassion that our weakness may be useful to you in proclaiming your word, sharing your grace, and casting our demons. AMEN.

The First Reading *2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10* Matt, Johnston, Lay Reader

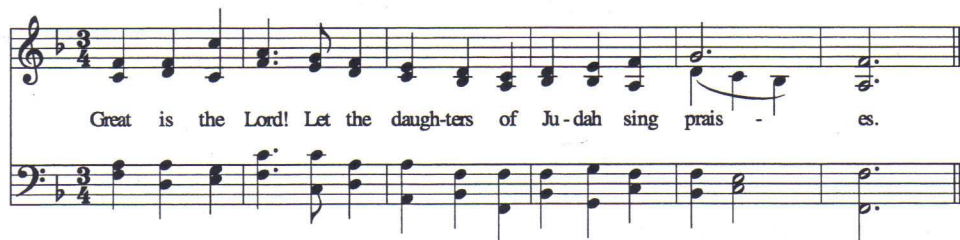
All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.' " When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he

became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces inward. And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

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

Psalter

Psalm 48



Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God;
**Whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,**
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great Ruler.
**Within its citadels
God has proven a sure defense.**

R

For lo, the kings assembled,
they marched together.
**As soon as they saw it, they were astounded,
they were in panic, they took to flight;**
trembling took hold of them there,
anguish as of a woman in travail,
**As when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish.**

As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God establishes for ever.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.**

R

As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory;

let Mount Zion be glad!
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!
Walk about Zion, go round about it,
number its towers,
consider well its ramparts,
go through its citadels.
that you may tell the next generation.
“This is God, our God for ever and ever.
God will be our guide for ever.”

R

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Anthem

Let Christ's Freedom Ring

REYNOLDS

+Gospel Acclamation #2043

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

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

Sermon

“Pricked by Grace”

Rev. Rob Licht

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

O God, when we ponder the vast universe at your command, we are astounded. We are nothing, except that you have given us life. How often we have squandered that gift in meaningless pursuits, killing time we might have invested in honoring you! Instead we have belittled your prophets and made light of your commands. We alternate between boasting over our personal accomplishments and near-panic at our inability to

cope with life's challenges. O God, we confess our desperate need for healing, forgiveness and a new perspective on life. 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

Sacramentum Unitatis

LLOYD

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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Hymn #378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

The Great Thanksgiving (Alternate Musical Setting)

Laminated Sheet

The Lord's Prayer

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+Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Walking always in your grace, grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

+Closing Hymn #584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response

Shalom to You

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+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

Make A Joyful Noise Unto Him

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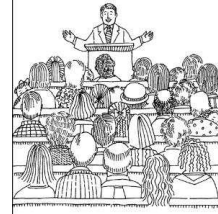
+The congregation will stand as you are able

**** Communion rail offerings are designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.**

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

Our Presence

Attendance last week
Worship service: 53



Today: 8:45 AM Early Casual Service
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Friday: 9:00 AM Food Delivery

Our Gifts



Offerings last week:	\$ 822.00
Offerings 6/21/09	\$1,132.00

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: Kay Newsom (west)
Loretta Woodburn (east)
Ushers: Richard Sherman (west)
Jack May (west)
George Alston (east)
Nursery: as needed
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan
Ed Angel

2009 Committee Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Richard Sherman
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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.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the bereavement lunch for Clifton Shearin's family on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Pancake Breakfast yesterday.

There are some **missing & incorrect dates** in the **printed copies** of the newsletter calendar:

Admin council dates should be: July 13 & August 10
District Pastor's meeting 10am - noon on July 21 in our fellowship hall
The August Warren Hills Birthday Party should be August 21
Bible Study resumes on August 26th at 6:00 pm

If you received your newsletter by email or from the website, the corrections were already made.

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