

**Littleton United Methodist Church**  
**July 12, 2009**  
**The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Service of the Word**

**Prelude** *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* J.S. BACH  
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** *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 gather in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church and the Savior of the world.

People: **Not because we have invited Christ into our house, but because Christ has invited us into the house of the Lord.**

Pastor: We have come, not to tell Christ what we *will* do.

People: **But to learn from Christ what we *must* do.**

Pastor: We have listened for the voice of the Lord in the earthquake, wind, and fire.

People: **Now we await the still small voice. Speak, O Lord, for your servants are listening.**

**+Entrance Hymn #529** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

**Prayer of the Day**

**Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds our unseeing eyes, our muffled hearing and our dulled emotions, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that reveals our deceit and leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer. Let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. AMEN.**

**The First Reading** *2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19* Corinne Replogle, Lay Reader

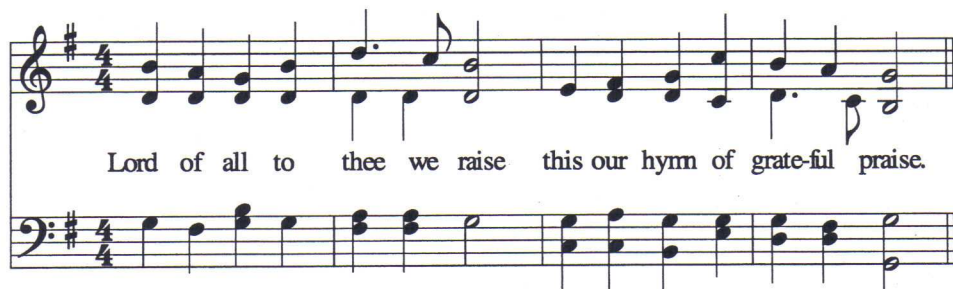
David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. <sup>2</sup>He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with songs and with

harp, lyres, tambourines, sistrams and cymbals. So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

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

**Psalter**

*Psalm 24*



The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
**the world and those who dwell therein;**  
 for God has founded it upon the seas,  
**and established it upon the rivers.**  
 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
**And who shall stand in God's holy place?**  
 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
**who do not lift up their souls to what is false,**  
**and do not swear deceitfully.**  
 They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
**and vindication from the God of their salvation.**  
 Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord,  
**who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

**R**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
 and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
 that the king of glory may come in.  
**Who is the king of glory?**  
 The Lord, strong and mighty,  
 the Lord, mighty in battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the king of glory may come in.**

Who is this king of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,  
the Lord is the king of glory!**

**R**

### **The Second Reading**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

*Praise God*

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### **+Gospel Acclamation #2043**

*Alleluia*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

### **+The Holy Gospel**

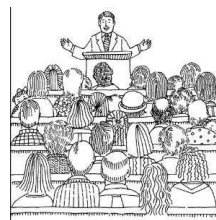
*Mark 6:14-29*

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to



## Our Presence

Attendance last week  
Worship service: 50



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

Monday: 7:00 PM Administrative Council

Tuesday: 8:30 AM MERCI Center Workday

Friday: 2:00 PM Warren Hills Birthday Party

Saturday: 10:00 AM UMW Meeting—*cancelled*

## Our Gifts



Offerings last week: \$ 2,739.00

## 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: Lisa Hardy (west)  
Jean Houston (east)  
Ushers: Richard Sherman (west)  
Mike Herman (west)  
George Alston (east)  
Nursery: as needed  
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.*

There will be an **Admin Council meeting** on Monday at 7:00 PM in the Board Room.

There will be a **Work Day at the MERCI Center** on Tuesday. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 AM for car pooling if you would like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Sherman.

The monthly **Birthday Party at Warren Hills Nursing Home** is Friday at 2:00 PM.

The **UMW** will meet on Saturday at 10:00 AM in the Board Room.—**cancelled**

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