

Littleton United Methodist Church
August 9, 2009
The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word

Prelude *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. YOUNG
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: Let us sing a hymn in unison

People: **For we are not many, but one!**

Pastor: Let us praise our God in harmony,

People: **For we are not one, but many.**

Pastor: Members are we, one of another; the body of Christ;
the people of God.

People: **Let our melody rise as if from one voice, while the
chorus swells from each mouth of creation.**

+Entrance Hymn #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of the Day

Bread of heaven, feed us. Word of truth, teach us. Author of life, fit us for eternity amid our days on this earth, that our deeds may honor you. Help us to be kind and tenderhearted to one another and to forgive one another as, in Christ, you have forgiven us. AMEN.

The First Reading *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33* Diana Parham, Lay Reader

The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders. The army marched into the field to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. There the army of Israel was defeated by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men. The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest claimed more lives that day than the sword. Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going. And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absa-

lom, struck him and killed him. Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has delivered you today from all who rose up against you." The king asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" The Cushite replied, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man." The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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 have I cried 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 worshipped.**

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their

needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Anthem *Praise the Lord* SLEETH

+Gospel Acclamation #2043 *Alleluia* CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel *Mark 4:35-41*

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

Sermon *"What's An Anchor For?"* Tim Townsend

+Hymn #430 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

+The Apostles' Creed Page 881

Prayer of Confession

O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved you! How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily have we uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. How readily we take for ourselves the rewards of another's labor! Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-justifying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. We want to believe, to trust, to live as imitators of Jesus Christ. Help us, gracious God. 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

Adagio Cantabile

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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 #95

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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 #368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response

Shalom to You

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+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

The Heavens are Telling

HAYDN

+The congregation will stand as you are able

Our Presence

Attendance last week
Worship service: 49



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

Wednesday: noon - Women in Christian Fellowship at Refuge Church

Saturday: 10am—2pm UMW Study “Food & Faith” in our fellowship hall

Sunday (8/16) Fellowship Supper at Ed & Darla Angel’s home

Our Gifts



Offerings last week: \$ 4,325.00

The flowers today were given
by Maj & Julie Johnston
in memory of Ed & Heidi Johnston.

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: Marj Prescott (east)
Loretta Woodburn (west)
Ushers: Al Prescott (west)
Bob Workman (west)
Matt Johnston (east)
Nursery: as needed
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan

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 was a pair of **sunglasses** left at the Prescott home the evening of the last fellowship supper. If you are missing your sunglasses, please see Marj or Al Prescott.

Women in Christian Fellowship will meet on Wednesday at noon at the Refuge Church on 158 just west of Littleton. The speaker will be Liz Johnson of Lakeside Lutheran Church. Please bring a dish to pass and a friend for a time of fellowship and fun. Contact Helen Burtchell with questions.

On Saturday from 10am - 2pm, there will be a **UMW Study on "Food & Faith"** in our fellowship hall. Please bring a sandwich.

Next Sunday evening (August 16th), there will be a **Fellowship Supper** at the home of Ed & Darla Angel. Please bring a dish to pass.

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