

Littleton United Methodist Church
October 25, 2009
The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* LUTHER/TORNQUIST
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 *Come! Come! Everybody Worship* Page 2271

+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: O come, let us magnify the Lord,

People: **That the afflicted might hear and be glad!**

Pastor: Let our souls boast in the Lord,

People: **That the lame might leap for joy!**

Pastor: Let our tongues proclaim the glory of the Lord,

People: **That the fearful might taste, and see that the Lord is good!**

+Entrance Hymn #57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Prayer of the Day

Amazing God, whose claims on us are as old as creation and as new as this very moment, help us to hear you calling us, not alone that we may be healed, but that we might become instruments of healing in a hurting world. Restore to us that sight that is beyond seeing, so your church may respond with joy to the great high priest, in whose name we pray and carry out our ministry. AMEN.

The First Reading *Job 42:1-6, 10-17* Bob Workman, Lay Reader

Then Job replied to the LORD : "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and

three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years.

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

Psalter

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22



I will bless the Lord at all times:
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and be glad.**
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!
**I sought the Lord, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**
Look to God and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
**The poor cried out, and the Lord heard,
and saved them out of all their troubles.**
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.
**O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

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Many are the afflictions of the righteous;
But the Lord delivers them.
**The Lord keeps all their bones;
not one of them is broken.**
Evil shall slay the wicked;
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
**The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in God will be
condemned.**

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The Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

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

Anthem

God The Father, Be Our Stay

PETZOLD

+Gospel Acclamation #2043

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

"A New Way of Seeing"

Rev. Rob Licht

+Hymn #263

When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee

HEALER

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

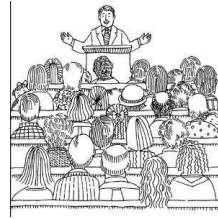
O God, we confess that our lives have made you a distant deity. We listen to what others say about you, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who you are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We are not ready to repent in dust and ashes, but we do ask for mercy as we face up to sins we have not recognized and wrongdoing we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness, and help us to grow in the way you have us go. AMEN.

A Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Pardon

Our Presence

Attendance last week
Worship service: 64
Sunday school: 20



Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service
11:20 AM Sunday school
6:00 PM Stewardship Dinner in the fellowship hall - *all are invited!*

Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice



Our Gifts

Offerings last week: \$2,217.28

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 (east)
Marie Fields (west)
Ushers: Richard Sherman (west)
Lee Reinhardt (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 a **Stewardship Dinner** in our fellowship hall this evening at 6:00. Everyone is invited.

The **Littleton ACTS Food Pantry** is in need of diabetic items. Donated items may be placed in the basket in the vestibule.

Please note that next Sunday, November 1st, **daylight savings time ends**. You will need to move your clocks back one hour on Saturday before bed.

The **John 3:16 Center** needs table sponsors for their annual fund raising dinner. The cost is \$200 per table. If you are interested in sponsoring a table or attending the dinner on December 4th, please contact Pastor Rob.

Halifax/Northampton Habitat for Humanity is raising funds by selling \$5 coupons for the Belk Charity Sale on November 7th. If you would like to purchase a coupon, please see Sherman Merchant.

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