

**Littleton United Methodist Church**  
**November 22, 2009**  
**The Feast of Christ the King**  
**Service of Word and Table**

**Prelude**

*Lord We Come Together Here*

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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**

*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: Christ is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith

People: **The beginning and the end.**

Pastor: The atom and the universe;

People: **The one and the many.**

Pastor: The birth and the death;

People: **The rise and the fall.**

Pastor: The dawn and the dusk;

People: **The spring and the winter.**

Pastor: The rain and the rainbow;

People: **The seed and the harvest.**

Pastor: The quest and the return;

People: **The dream and the remembrance.**

Pastor: The foundation and the spire;

People: **The rise and the fall.**

Pastor: The promise and the fulfillment;

People: **The baptism and the requiem.**

Pastor: The silence and the word;

People: **Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, who is and was and is to come!**  
**Life, forevermore!**

**+Entrance Hymn #715**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL'S 148th

**Prayer of the Day**

Alpha and Omega, whose creative energy through untold billions of years has brought us to this time of encounter, we rejoice in the ministry of Jesus that revealed your love and provided for us forgiveness of sin and fullness of life. May we embrace that reign which is beyond the standards of this world, testifying to your truth by our words and deeds, that others may learn to trust your love. **AMEN.**

## The First Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Greg Solovieff, Lay Reader

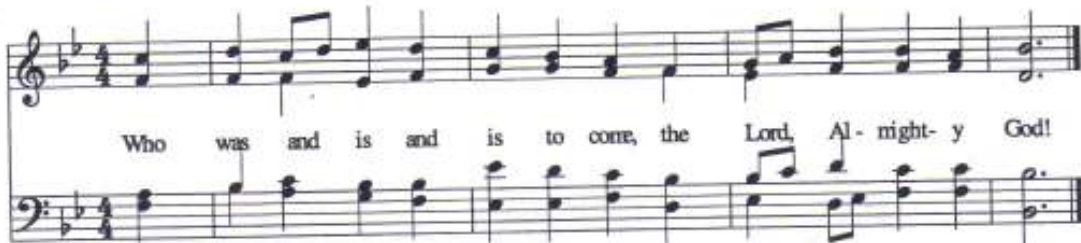
These are the last words of David: "The oracle of David son of Jesse, the oracle of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, Israel's singer of songs: "The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.' "Is not my house right with God? Has he not made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part? Will he not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire? But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand. Whoever touches thorns uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear; they are burned up where they lie."

Reader: This is the word of God for us, the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalter

Psalm 132:1-12



O Lord, in David's favor  
remember all the hardships he endured:  
how he swore to the Lord  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
**"I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;  
I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."**

**R**

The ark! We heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
**Let us go to God's dwelling place;  
let us fall upon our knees before God's footstool.**  
**Arise, O Lord, into your resting place,  
you and the ark of your strength.**  
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.  
**For your servant David's sake,**

**do not turn away the face of your anointed.**

The Lord swore to David a sure oath  
and from it will not turn back:

**“One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.**

If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies which I shall teach them,

**their sons also for ever  
shall sit upon your throne.”**

**R**

### **The Second Reading**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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

### **Anthem**

*Shout the Glad Tidings*

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

*Alleluia*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

### **+The Holy Gospel**

*John 18:33-37*

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

### **Sermon**

*“The Kingdom, the Power and the Procurator ”*

Rev. Rob Licht

### **+The Apostles' Creed**

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### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that we have been more like thorn bushes than oaks of righteousness. We sometimes repel rather than attract others to the gospel. Pride and deceit fill our days more than grace and peace. We tire of satisfying the poor with bread and upholding the covenant and decrees you have offered us. We turn away from your anointed one, questioning his role in history and his relevance for us. We admit that our inner faith battles are often the screen we use to keep from facing our sin, admitting our guilt and seeking reconciliation. Open our eyes, heal our wounds, and embrace us in your love that we might be forgiven. **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**

*To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King*

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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 #94**

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**Hymn of Preparation #694** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Alternate Musical Setting) Laminated Sheet

**The Lord's Prayer** Page 895

**+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. By the power of this sacrament, may our lives honor Christ as our King and Savior. 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 #157**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

**+Dismissal with Blessing**

**+Congregational Response**

*Go Now in Peace*

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**+Taking God's Light Into The World**

**+Chiming of the Trinity**

**+Postlude**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

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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: 10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:20 AM Sunday school  
7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service in our fellowship hall

Monday: 10:00 AM UMW meeting

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

Thursday: Noon - 2PM Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday: 10:00AM - noon Littleton ACTS Food Pantry

## Our Gifts



Offerings 11-08-09:	\$4,637.52
Offerings 11-15-09	\$3,305.07

## 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: Connie Henry (east)  
Jean Houston (west)  
Ushers: Dick O'Sullivan (east)  
Bob Workman (west)  
Al Prescott (west)  
Nursery: as needed  
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan  
Ed Angel  
Communion Stewards: Dick & Irene 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

**This evening**, there will be a **Community Thanksgiving Service** in our fellowship hall at 7:00 PM.

The **UMW** will meet at 10:00 AM on Monday in the board room.

Our free **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will take place from noon - 2pm on Thanksgiving Day. *Everyone is invited!* If you would like to help or donate any food items, please contact Elizabeth Solovieff, Darla Angel, or Kaye Herman.

There will be **no 5th Sunday Brunch** in November.

The **Littleton ACTS Food Pantry** will be open from 10AM until noon on Friday.

Remember, next Sunday (11/28) is the deadline for **Poinsettia orders** and payments.

**Next Monday** (11/30) at 10:00 AM, we will begin **decorating the Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary for Christmas**. Please contact Marie Fields with any questions.

Littleton UMC will be sponsoring a table at the **John 3:16 Banquet** on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending the fundraising banquet (at no charge), please let Rob know as soon as possible. There are eight seats available at our sponsored table. That said, there are also additional seats available at other tables.

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