

Littleton United Methodist Church
January 17, 2010
The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
Service of the Word

Prelude *Prelude Majestic* GOLDSTON
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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Page 2173

+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: Are you troubled by the fickleness of human love?

People: **Come and worship the Lord, whose love is faithful.**

Pastor: Are you troubled by the harshness of human judgments?

People: **Come and worship the Lord, whose judgments are healing.**

Pastor: Are you troubled by the pride of human righteousness?

People: **Come, let us worship the Lord, whose righteousness is pure.**

Pastor: Let us praise the Lord our God,

People: **Whose love can make us faithful, whose judgments can make us whole, and whose righteousness can make us pure.**

+Entrance Hymn #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, whose miracles surround us day by day and whose revelation in Jesus Christ awakens our wonder, let this be an hour of powerful encounter with you in which our gifts are called forth for the sake of your church and for the transformation of the world. Work within us, among us, and through us, we pray, that believing minds may blossom into trusting hearts and helping hands, fully committed to your service. AMEN.

The First Reading *Isaiah 62:1-5* Bob Workman, Lay Reader

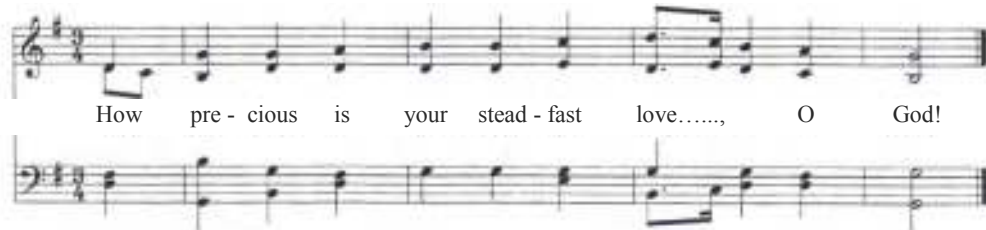
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so

will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalter

Psalm 36:5-10



Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
O Lord, humans and animals you save!**

O God, how precious is your steadfast love!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

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The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

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

Anthem

Many Gifts, One Spirit

POTE

+Gospel Acclamation #2043

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in 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

"When The Kingdom Comes to the Kitchen"

Rev. Rob Licht

+Hymn #257

We Meet You, O Christ

STANLEY BEACH

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

God of the faltering and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. 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

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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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+The Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

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+Closing Hymn #555

Forward Through the Ages

ST. GERTRUDE

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Unto Us, Peace)* Page 376

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

Bouree

BACH

+The congregation will stand as you are able

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