

Littleton United Methodist Church
February 7, 2010
The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Service of Word and Table

Prelude *When the Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. 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 attendance 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: At a time when rulers are shouting threats, a mighty chorus ever swelling.

People: **Holy, Holy is the Lord, their idle boast dispelling.**

Pastor: So we come together in Christ's name, the spirit with us dwelling,

People: **And join the choirs of heaven and earth, our humble praises telling.**

+Entrance Hymn #90 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of the Day

God, whose Word calls us to take risks and whose revelation in Jesus Christ gives us confidence to try again when we have failed, appear to us now as we listen to the Scriptures and lift our eyes to see your face. Grant that we may feel your presence and discern your will. Equip us to respond with confident faithfulness to the work you give us to do. We want to go where you send us and live up to what you expect of us. Open your people to live together as you intend. AMEN.

The First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

Greg Solovieff, Lay Reader

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people: " 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make

the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "For how long, O Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 138



I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
And give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and faithfulness;**

for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.

**On the day I called, you answered me,
you strengthened my life.**

R

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;
yet knows the haughty from afar.

R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
**you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies
and your right hand delivers me.**

O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;
**O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which

you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

Anthem *Lord, Here Am I* BECK

+Gospel Acclamation #2043 *Alleluia* CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel *Luke 5:1-11*

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

Sermon *“Whom Shall I Send?”* Rev. Rob Licht

+The Apostles’ Creed Page 881

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are a sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are a people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness. 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 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* FETTKE

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #79

Holy God, We Praise They Name

GROSSER GOTT

**The Great Thanksgiving (Alternate Musical Setting)
The Lord's Prayer**

Laminated Sheet
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. Use us- even us- now, as your disciples. 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 #2130

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

+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

Now Let Us From This Table Rise

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

+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 1/24
Worship service: 73
Sunday school: 14

Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service
11:20 AM Fifth Sunday Brunch

Monday: 10:00 AM Beckham Ransom Circle at church
11:00 AM Pastor Parish committee meeting
7:00 PM Admin Council

Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Women in Christian Fellowship
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday: 9:00 AM Food delivery
10:00– noon: Littleton ACTS Food Pantry



Our Gifts

Offerings 1/17:	\$970.00
Offerings 1/24:	\$10,410.10

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: Jean Houston (east)
Betsy Medlin (west)
Ushers: Richard O'Sullivan (east)
Bob Workman (west)
Al Prescott (west)
Nursery: as needed
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan
Ed Angel

2010 Committee Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Richard Sherman
Congregational Care: Jean Houston
Shepherding: Elizabeth Solovieff
Discipleship: Helen Burtchell
Age Level: Diana Parham
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

Our **5th Sunday Fellowship Brunch** will be in the chapel immediately following today's worship service. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

The **Beckham Ransom Circle** will meet on Monday morning at 10:00 in the board room.

The **Pastor-Parish committee** will meet on Monday at 11:00 AM in the board room.

The **Admin Council** will meet on Monday at 7:00 PM in the board room

Women In Christian Fellowship will meet on Wednesday at the social hall of the Enterprise Baptist Church at noon. Bring a friend and a dish to pass. The speaker will be Martha Faulcon from South Street Church.

Feb 12th and Feb 26th **Littleton ACTS** food distribution volunteers are needed 9:30-12:00. Volunteers prepare bags of food items which are picked-up on these mornings. The work is easy, and the other volunteers are great to work with in this ministry. Please speak with Darla, Kaye, Liz or Rob if you have questions.

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