

Littleton United Methodist Church
March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Service of the Word

Prelude *The Palms* FAURE
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 #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!* ELLACOMBE

+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: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem**

Pastor: Lo, your king comes to you.

People: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey

People: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

People: **Hosanna in the Highest!**

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered into triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry into Jerusalem and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

+The Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem *Luke 19:28-40*

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

People: **Hosanna in the Highest**

Anthem *Hosanna!* SLEETH

+Blessing of the Palms

+Entrance Hymn #280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Prayer of the Day

God of light, whose majesty transcends all earthly powers and brings to naught the pretensions of all who rule in shadows, walk with us through the cruelty of temptation, through denial, betrayal and bitter weeping, that we may not falter or lose hope but rather witness to the world that Jesus Christ is the Savior. Draw us into humble obedience and steadfast devotion, that your ways may be honored among us and be shared with all your children. AMEN.

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Diana Parham, Lay Reader


The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me?

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 31:9-16



My times are in your hand, dear God, O save me through your love.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief,
my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed our of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many-
terror all around!-
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord,
I say, "You are my God."**

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine on your servant;
save me through your steadfast love!**

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

+Lenten Gospel Acclamation *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

+The Holy Gospel *(insert) Luke 22:1-23:56*

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 Fool's Parade"

Rev. Rob Licht

+Hymn #286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

O God, whose fullness is far beyond our tiny glimmers of understanding, we bring to you our pretensions, our doubts and our fears. We have lived as if we were the center of all things. We have doubted any reality beyond what we can see. We have cringed in fear before the forces that deny you. We find it easier to betray Christ than to witness to the power of love. We are quick to take up the sword rather than risk a reconciling word. Our actions condemn us. We can only look to you to save us from ourselves. 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

O Perfect Life of Love

WOLFE

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

OLD 100th

+The Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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+Closing Hymn (insert)

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

LAND OF REST

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response

Keep, O Keep Us

SMYTTAN

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, Ever constant by Your side;

That with You we may appear at the-eternal Eastertide. A-men.

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SMITH/HUSTAD

+The congregation will stand as you are able

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

Our Presence

Attendance last week
Worship service: 58
Sunday school: 9



Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service
11:20 AM Sunday school
noon - Lunch Bunch

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

Thursday: 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday: 9:00 AM Food Delivery
Noon - 3 Good Friday Service at Lakeside Lutheran
7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae

Our Gifts

Offerings 3/14	\$1,072.36
Offerings 3/21	\$1,343.25



The flowers today were given
by Barbara & Lee Reinhardt
in honor of Lee's birthday.

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: Martha Hayes (east)
Connie Henry (west)
Ushers: Matt Johnston (east)
Richard Sherman (west)
Jack May (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

There will be a **Lunch Bunch** at noon today in our fellowship hall. As always, everyone is invited to share a delicious meal for a donation.

Please note the bulletin insert with the **Easter flower order form**. The **deadline** for flower orders and payments is **today**.

This Thursday there will be a **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** here beginning at 7:00 PM. We will have a **Service of Tenebrae** here at 7:00 PM on Good Friday.

The annual **Service of the Seven Last Words** will be at **Lakeside Lutheran Church** at noon on Good Friday.

Extra nursery volunteers will be needed for Easter Sunday. If you would like to help out in the nursery, please let Susan Merchant know by Wednesday.

Our annual **Stop Hunger Now packaging event** will be April 10th. Volunteers and donations are needed. Please let Sherman Merchant know if you would like to volunteer. Donation checks should be made to LUMC with "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo.

On **Sunday, April 11th** (The Second Sunday of Easter), we will **welcome new members** into our congregation. If you have been attending worship and would like to make firm your commitment to serving God as part of this faith community, please contact Pastor Rob concerning church membership.

Reminder: Please be prompt when attending both adult and children's Sunday School, and do not disturb classes after they have begun.