

**Littleton United Methodist Church**  
**April 11, 2010**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Service of the Word**

**Prelude** *Festive Trumpet Tune* GERMAN  
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 #304** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices (verse 1 only)* LANCASHIRE

**+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: I welcome you! In the name of the One who was and is  
And ever shall be, I greet you!

People: **Grace be to you! Grace to the world from the Genesis  
People, the image of God, the fruitful garden.**

Pastor: I embrace you! In the name of the One who lived and died  
and rose again, I receive you!

People: **Peace be with you! Peace to the world from the Easter  
People, the body of Christ, a new creation!**

**+Entrance Hymn #315** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN

**Prayer of the Day**

**God whom we have not seen, whose gifts we take for granted and misuse, speak to us your Word of peace, that our inner turmoil may be stilled, our eyes opened, our ears altered to make faithful response. May our witness be authentic, that the world may come to know your glory and dominion and respond with joyous obedience to your Word. AMEN.**

**The First Reading** *Acts 5:27-32* Marie Fields, Lay Reader

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is

the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalter**

*Psalm 150*



Praise ye the Lord for night - y deeds with the trum - pet. lute and tam - bor - ine.

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

**praise God in his mighty firmament!**

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

**praise God for his exceeding greatness!**

Praise God with trumpet sound;

**praise God with lute and harp!**

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

**praise God with strings and pipe!**

Praise God with sounding cymbals;

**praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**praise the Lord!**

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**The Second Reading**

*Revelation 1:4-8*

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: 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**

*O Sons and Daughters*

WEBB

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

**+The Holy Gospel** *John 20:19-31*

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

**Sermon** *"Peace-ing It Together"* Rev. Rob Licht

**+Hymn #2196** *We Walk by Faith* MARTYRDOM

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### Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or at least irrelevant. By our inattention, we have rejected you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 Reception of New Members

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**The Offertory** *"Allegro" from "La Primavera"* VIVALDI / WOLFF

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

#### The Prayers

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+Closing Hymn #2115

*Christ Has Risen*

HOLY MANNA

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response #310

*He Lives (refrain only)*

ACKLEY

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

*"Allegretto" from "La Primavera"*

VIVALDI / WOLFF

*+The congregation will stand as you are able*

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

With great joy, we welcome **Marjorie Beyer, George Houston** and **Tom Parker** into membership of the Littleton United Methodist Church faith community. Marjorie comes to us by letter of transfer from Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spry located in York, PA. George comes to us by letter of transfer from King's Highway United Methodist Church of Brooklyn, NY. Tom, also, comes to us by letter of transfer from Nashville United Methodist Church in Nashville, NC.

**Thank you from Pastor Rob.** Recently, I experienced some financial difficulties relating to repair work on my car. As I was attempting to figure out the financial situation, some wonderful folks in our congregation stepped forward and graciously assisted me with this matter. I do not know who you are, but I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless this wonderful congregation which continues to inspire both myself and the greater Littleton community with your acts of love and kindness. Yours in Christ. ... ROB

## Our Presence

Attendance last week  
Worship service: 91



- Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:20 Sunday school
- Monday: 10:00 AM Beckham Ransom circle at Irene O'Sullivan's home  
10:00 Trustees meeting in the board room  
7:00 PM Administrative Council meeting
- Tuesday: 5:30 PM Game Night in the fellowship hall
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Study  
Noon Women in Christian Fellowship at South Street Baptist  
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday: 2:00 PM Warren Hills Nursing Home birthday party

## Our Gifts

Offerings 4/4 \$2,677.25



The flowers today were given  
by Martha & Bob Hayes  
to the Glory of God

## 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: Betsy Medlin (east)  
Anna Brown (west)  
Ushers: George Alston (east)  
Sherm Merchant (west)  
Lee Reinhardt (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

**Thank you** to everyone who donated or helped with yesterday's **Stop Hunger Now** packaging event.

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

The **Beckham Ransom Circle** will meet at 10:00 AM on Monday at Irene O'Sullivan's home.

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

Our next **Family Game Night** will be Tuesday at 5:30 PM in our fellowship hall. Bring your appetites, a game and some friends!

**Women in Christian Fellowship** will meet at noon on Wednesday at South Street Baptist church. All women are invited. Please bring a dish to pass.

The monthly **Birthday Party at Warren Hills Nursing Home** will be this Friday at 2:00. Some of our regular volunteers are unavailable this month, so extra help is needed. If you are able to help, please contact Helen Burtchell at 586-4682.

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