

Littleton United Methodist Church
May 9, 2010
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Service of Word and Table

Prelude *Alleluia* MOZART
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 #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: Behold, our God is Alpha!

People: **The Beginning, the Genesis, the End of the Old,
The Start of the New. Let our God be praised!**

Pastor: Behold, our God is Birth!

People: **The Womb, the Labor, the First Breath taken, the
Cry of New Lungs. Let our God be glorified!**

Pastor: Behold, our God is Youth!

People: **The Test, the Growing, the Desire for Freedom,
the Need for Restraint. Let our God be praised.**

Pastor: Behold, our God is Age!

People: **The Walk, the Changing, the Wisdom of the Past,
The Hope for the Future. Let our God be glorified!**

Pastor: Behold, our God is Death!

People: **The Letting God, the Brilliant Light, the Departure from One World, the
Destination of the Next. Let God our be praised!**

Pastor: Behold, our God is Omega!

People: **The End, the Revelation, the Beginning of the New,
the Completion of the Old. Let our God be glorified!**

+Entrance Hymn #103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Prayer of the Day

God of love and peace, whose healing Word is offered to every person, group and nation, we long to hear, see and feel your presence with us. Send your Holy Spirit to overpower our excuses, to lend new perspective to our troubled thoughts, and to equip us to walk into the future with courage. Reign among us that we may proclaim

good news to all who need it. **AMEN.**

The First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

Marie Fields, Lay Reader

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

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

Psalter

Psalm 67



Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
Whose mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
"The mercy of the Lord endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

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I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-10, 21:22-22:5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

On The Journey To Emmaus

HAUGEN

+Gospel Acclamation #2043 *Alleluia*

+The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

Sermon

"Tomorrow in Jerusalem"

Rev. Rob Licht

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. **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 Blessed Day of Motherhood

DEPEW

+The Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (verses 1,2,3 & 5)

BEGINNINGS

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

Laminated Sheet
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+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. May we feel the peace of Christ in our troubled lives. 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 #445

Happy the Home When God Is There

ST. AGNES

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response #310

He Lives (refrain only)

ACKLEY

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

Grand Processional

GLUCK

+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 Sunday school
- Monday: 10:00 AM Beckham Ransom Circle at Lois Weaver's house
5:30 PM Game Night
- Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday: 9:00 AM Food Delivery
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Littleton ACTS Food Pantry
- Saturday: 1:30 PM Memorial Service for Skip Anschutz
- Sunday (5/16) *No Lunch Bunch*
7:00 PM Memorial Service for Kay Newsom

Our Gifts



Offerings last week \$4,048.00

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 (west)
 Connie Henry (east)
Ushers: Richard Sherman (east)
 Al Prescott (west)
 Bob Workman (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

The **Beckham Ransom Circle** will meet on Monday at 10:00 AM at Lois Weaver's home.

Monday evening at 5:30 there will be a **Game Night** in the fellowship hall. Bring some friends and join us for a delicious meal (free again!), games & conversation.

This Friday the **Littleton ACTS Food Pantry** will be open from 10:00 AM until noon. The Pantry is very low on supplies & all donations would be welcomed. During the summer months of June, July & August, the pantry will only be open on the 4th Friday of the month.

Friends are invited to attend a **Celebration of Life Service for Reynold G. (Skip) Anschutz** on Saturday May 15, 2010 1:30 PM at 138 Weavers Point Drive, Littleton. **In lieu of flowers**, contributions may be given to Littleton United Methodist Church.

Next Sunday (5/16) evening at 7:00, there will be a **Memorial Service for Kay Newsom**, followed by refreshments in our fellowship hall.

If you would like to provide some **refreshments** for either of the upcoming memorial services, please **contact Marie Fields** at 586-4757.

The **Lunch Bunch** for next Sunday has been **canceled**.

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