

Littleton United Methodist Church
May 30, 2010
The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
Service of the Word

Prelude *Eternal Father Strong to Save* INNES
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 #2038 *Father, I Adore You* MARANATHA

+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 am Wisdom; my mouth utters truth. Do you not hear my call?

People: **Your voice is raised in the way of righteousness; in the path of justice you have taken your stand.**

Pastor: To you I cry, and my cry is to all- O simple ones, learn prudence; O foolish ones, take heed!

People: **We will take your instruction instead of silver, and knowledge of you rather than gold; for you, O Wisdom, are better than jewels, and nothing we covet compares with your glory!**

+Entrance Hymn #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

Prayer of the Day

Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship you. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the works of your hands. Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to you and empowers us to care for one another. Spirit of truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in your transforming presence. Triune God, bless, we pray, this gather of your disciples. AMEN.

The First Reading *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31* Matt Johnston, Lay Reader

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gates leading into the city at the entrances, she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water

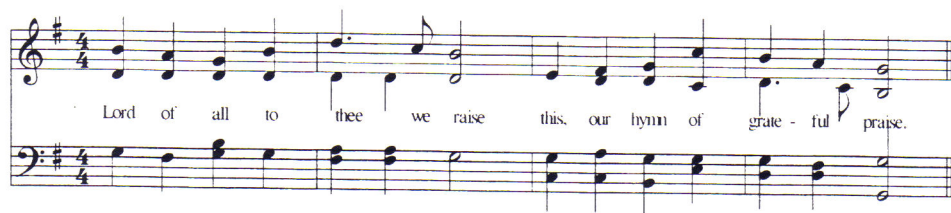
before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 8



O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouths of babes and infants:

**You have set up a defense against your foes,
To still the enemy and the avenger.**

R

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
and mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

R

The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope

does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

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

Anthem *O God, Almighty Father* WILLAN

+Gospel Acclamation #2043 *Alleluia*

+The Holy Gospel *John 16:12-15*
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord, the word of God for us, the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Trifling with the Trinity"* Rev. Rob Licht

+Hymn #188 *Christ Is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

+The Apostles' Creed Page 881

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom, our choices have denied you. We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer us springs of living water from the depths of your love. We pursue our own fame and glory, which crumbles into dust when we view the sacrifice and service that builds true character. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us. Recall us to awe and wonder. Guide us in the ways of truth. **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 *We Believe in One True God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost* J.S.BACH

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

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

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+Closing Hymn #368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response #2184

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

ENVIADO

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

Wir Glauben All' An Einen Gott

J.S. BACH

+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: 45
Sunday school: 12



Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service
11:20 5th Sunday Friendship Brunch

Monday: 10:00 AM UMW meeting

Wednesday: *No Bible Study class until September*
6:30 PM Worship committee
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday: 9:00 AM - Food delivery
7:00 PM Family Movie Night

Our Gifts



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| Offerings 5/16 | \$2,001.00 |
| Offerings 5/23 | \$2,311.00 |

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: Marjorie Beyer (west)
Loretta Woodburn (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

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

The Church office will be closed on Monday in observance of **Memorial Day**. Please take some time, tomorrow, to remember those persons, who died, while in service to the nation in times of conflict. In particular, we call to mind **Peter Spruill** (First World War) and **Horace Palmer** (Second World War) who were members of this parish. May perpetual light shine upon them.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Our **Family Movie Night** will be this Friday at 7:00 PM in our fellowship hall. This month's movie will be the recent release, **Free Willy 4: Escape from Pirates Cove**. As always, there will be free popcorn & drinks for everyone.

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