

Littleton United Methodist Church
June 6, 2010
The Second Sunday After Pentecost
Service of Word and Table

Prelude *Pastorale on Holy Manna* YOUNG
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 #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: O servants of God, sing praise to the Lord,

People: **Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the pit!**

Pastor: Who is like the Lord of heaven?

People: **Blessed by the name of the Lord, from the rising of the sun until its setting!**

Pastor: O servants of God, sing praise to the Lord,

People: **Who causes the lowly to sit with the proud and makes the haughty to be humbled!**

Pastor: Who is like the Lord of earth?

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore!**

+Entrance Hymn #57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, whose healing Word is meant for all humankind, let your servants be restored to life this day, that we may not rely on our own traditions but hearken to your voice. Gird us with gladness so we may praise you and not be silent when the world needs to hear you through our voices. Make us bearers of your compassion, we pray. AMEN.

The First Reading *1 Kings 17:8-24* Mike Herman, Lay Reader

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a

piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'" She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive! Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

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

Psalter

Psalm 146



Praise the Lord!
 Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.
 Put not your trust in princes,
 in mortals, in whom there is no help.
Their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
 Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,
whose help is in the Lord, their God,
 who made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

**who executes justice for the oppressed:
who gives food to the hungry.**

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The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners,
**and upholds the widow and the orphan;
but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.**
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.
Praise the Lord!

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The Second Reading

Galatians 1:11-24

I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. Later I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Healer of Our Every ILL

+Gospel Acclamation #2043 *Alleluia*

+The Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

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 Widow's Rising"

Rev. Rob Licht

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

Giver of Life, we have not thanked you enough for each breath we can take, each moment we live, each experience we enjoy or endure. We are more likely to complain than to appreciate, to wallow in cries of agony and loss than to pour out our joy and gratitude. We repeat our mistakes instead of learning from them. We try to keep you out of our lives instead of turning to you daily and trusting your providence. Turn us around, O God, we want to experience the confident joy of living for you. 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

Air

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+The Doxology #94

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+The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #352

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

PENITENT

The Great Thanksgiving (Alternate Musical Setting)

Laminated Sheet

The Lord's Prayer

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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. Help us spread the good news of your true gospel. 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 #129

Give to the Wind Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response #2184

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

ENVIADO

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

Trumpet Gigue

YOUNG

+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: 51



Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday: 11:15 AM Trustees meeting at Casa Mia's
1:00 PM Mary Lucy Self Circle meeting

Wednesday: *No Bible Study class until September*
Noon - Women in Christian Fellowship at Mt. Olive Church
Choir is now on the summer practice schedule—next practice will be July 7th at 7:00PM

Thursday - Saturday: Annual Conference

Friday: 9:00 AM - Food delivery

Sunday (June 11th) UMW Sunday

Our Gifts



Offerings 5/30

\$21,725.35

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 (west)
Anna Brown (east)
Ushers: Sherman Merchant (east)
Jack May (west)
Lee Reinhardt (west)
Nursery: as needed
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan
Ed Angel
Communion stewards: Dick & Irene O'Sullivan

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 **no early summer service for the month of June**. If there are those who are interested in attending an early service, please let Rob know.

The **Trustees** will meet on Monday at 11:15 at Casa Mia's restaurant.

The **Mary Lucy Self Circle** will meet on Monday at 1:00 PM in the Board Room.

Women in Christian Fellowship will meet on Wednesday at noon at the social hall of Mt. Olive Church. The speaker will be Gwen Newell. Remember to bring a dish to pass.

DIRECTIONS TO MT. OLIVE:

Take 1001 east. At the fork bear to the right. It is on a dirt road, called Rock House. The church can be seen from the road. For information call Helen Burtchell at 586-4682.

The **choir is now on summer rehearsal schedule**. The next rehearsal will be July 7th at 7:00 PM. On June 13th, Tom will be on vacation and Trudi will be playing the organ.

Rob will be away from June 10-16 for annual conference and for his mother's retirement celebration in Maryland.

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