

Littleton United Methodist Church
June 13, 2010
U.M.W. Sunday
Service of the Word

Prelude

During the prelude, please silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

The Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Pat Ziesmann

Members and guests please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew.

+Introit #2038

Father, I Adore You

MARANATHA

+Greeting

Leah O'Brien

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 people, enter the house of God!

People: **Let the Spirit wash your feet with tears, and wipe them with your hair.**

Pastor: From the moment you come into her presence,

People: **She will never cease to kiss your feet, and anoint them with fine ointment.**

Pastor: Do we not know what Spirit this is who dares to touch us so?

People: **Our sin is great, but her love is greater; and greater, too, shall be our love, when forgiveness is received!**

+Entrance Hymn #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Prayer of the Day

Mandy Outman

O Lord as we gather to worship, we give you honor and praise. Let this day bring joy and gladness to our hearts. Help us to know that in you all things are possible and that there is indeed a mighty grace at work in the world that can not be stopped by the evil that is there. We give you thanks O Lord for the hope we have in Jesus Christ. He is the one who died for us, but has risen and rules over all. Because He lives we have eternal life, and we are assured that nothing past present or in the future can separate us from your great love made known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord in who's name we pray. AMEN.

The First Reading

1 Kings 21:1-21

Dolly Robbins, Lay Reader

Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better

vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth." But Naboth replied, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat. His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?" He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him. In those letters she wrote: "Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them testify that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death." So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, "Naboth has cursed both God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death. Then they sent word to Jezebel: "Naboth has been stoned and is dead." As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, "Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead." When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth's vineyard. Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite: "Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth's vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. Say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?' Then say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!' "Ahab said to Elijah, "So you have found me, my enemy!" "I have found you," he answered, "because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD. 'I am going to bring disaster on you. I will consume your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free.

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

Psalter

Psalm 5:1-8



Give ear to my words, O Lord;
 give heed to my groaning.
Hearken to the sound of my cry,
my Ruler and my God,
for to you I pray.
 O Lord, in the morning, you hear my voice;

in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you, and watch.
**For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**

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The boastful may not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
**You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.**
But, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
I will enter your house.
**Toward your holy temple
I will worship you in awe.**
Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
Make your way straight before me.

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The Second Reading

Galatians 2:15-21

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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

Anthem

It is Well with my Soul

Helen Burtchell

+Gospel Acclamation #2043 *Alleluia*

+The Holy Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

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

Sermon

"The Tears of a Sinner"

Helen Burtchell

+Hymn #367

He Touched Me

HE TOUCHED ME

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

Pat Chance

O Lord we confess we are sinners. We do not do what you want us to do; we always want to do it our own way. We do not always love our neighbors, and sometimes we are not kind to others even those in our own families. Lord we ask that you help us to be the kind of people you would have us be. Help us to reach out to others that are in need and hurting. And Lord help us to bring your love and light to this dark and hurting world. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

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

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

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+The Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers

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

Diana Parham

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Installation of U.M.W. Officers

Regina Dickens

+Closing Hymn #374

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response #2184

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

ENVIADO

+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

+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: 65



Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday: 10:00 AM Beckham Ransom Circle meeting at Susan Merchant's
Admin council meeting moved to next week (6/21)

Wednesday: *No Bible Study class until September*

Choir is now on the summer practice schedule—next practice will be July 7th at 7:00PM

Friday: 2:00 PM Warren Hills Birthday Party

Sunday (June 20th) 5:30 Fellowship Supper at Jack & Trudi May's home

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: Loretta Woodburn (west)
Frances Howell (east)
Ushers: Martha Hayes (east)
Connie Henry (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 all of the ladies who are participating in this special **UMW Sunday** service.

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 **Beckham Ransom Circle** will meet on Monday at 10 AM at Susan Merchant's home.

The **choir is now on summer rehearsal schedule**. The next rehearsal will be July 7th at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday (June 20th) there will be a **Fellowship Supper** at 5:30 at Jack & Trudi May's home (125 College St. Littleton). Everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to pass.

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