

**Littleton United Methodist Church**  
**June 20, 2010**  
**The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Service of the Word**

**Prelude** *Faith of Our Fathers* 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 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: Daughters and sons of God, why are you here?

People: **We have gathered on the seventh day to march around  
The walls of hate: Hear the tramping of our feet!**

Pastor: Hear the blaring of our trumpets! Hear the ringing of our hammers!

People: **Hear the shouting of our voices! O walls, tumble down!**

Pastor: This world is one! No wall can divide us, no wall shall stand!

People: **With Christ as our peace, and God as our power, all walls shall  
crumble before us!**

**+Entrance Hymn #127** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, our refuge and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and a sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are no alone but are part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. AMEN.**

**The First Reading** *1 Kings 19:1-15a* Diana Parham, Lay Reader

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and

then lay down again. The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night. The LORD Appears to Elijah And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus.

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

### **Psalter**

### *Psalm 42*



As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?**

My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
"Where is your God?"

**These things I remember  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God whom again I shall praise,  
my help and my God.**

**R**

My soul is cast down within me  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.

**Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.**

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love;  
and at night God's song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

**I say to God, my rock:  
"Why have you forgotten me?**

**Why do I mourn  
because of the oppression of the enemy?"**

Like a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me;

**they say to me continually,  
"Where is your God?"**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God whom again I shall praise,  
my help and my God.**

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**The Second Reading**

*Galatians 3:23-29*

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**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

MANLEY

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

**+The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 8:26-39*

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

**Sermon**

**"When Pigs Fly"**

Rev. Rob Licht

**+Hymn #375**

*There Is Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

**+The Apostles' Creed**

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**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. 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**

*Andante*

LUCAS

**+The Doxology #94**

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**+The Prayer of Dedication**

**An Order of Commissioning for Certified Lay Ministry**

**The Prayers**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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**+Closing Hymn #2191**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

**+Dismissal with Blessing**

**+Congregational Response #2184**

*Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

ENVIADO

**+Taking God's Light Into The World**

**+Chiming of the Trinity**

**+Postlude**

*Voluntary*

STANLEY

*+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: 46



Today: 10:00 AM Worship Service  
5:30 Fellowship Supper at Jack & Trudi May's home

Monday: *No Sewing Circle / Blanket Bee until September*  
7:00 PM Admin council meeting

Wednesday: *Newsletter deadline*

Friday: 10:00AM—12:00 Littleton ACTS Food Pantry

## Our Gifts

Offerings 6/6	\$3,805.00
Offerings 6/13	\$ 787.00



The flowers today were given  
by Marj & Al Prescott  
in memory of their parents.

## 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: Marj Prescott (west)  
Jean Houston (east)  
Ushers: Matt Johnston (east)  
Lee Reinhardt (west)  
Jack May (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

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

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

There will be **no Blanket Bee/Sewing Circle during the summer months**. See you in September!

The **deadline for the July/August newsletter is Wednesday**. Please email all articles and photos to [susanmerchant@gmail.com](mailto:susanmerchant@gmail.com).

The **Littleton ACTS Food Pantry** will be open Friday from 10:00 am until noon.

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