

Worship and Celebration

November 16, 2008

Please see an usher for large print hymnals or hearing devices.

Prelude *Harvest Home* by Eliot

*Call to Worship

Leader: As the last leaves tumble to the ground, and winter knocks at our door, we gather to worship God.

People: We gather because we want to be reminded of things good and true and eternal.

Leader: Things like kindness, justice, and love.

People: May our hearts be open and our souls stirred to respond as we worship the source of all things good.

***Hymn of Praise** *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* #384

Welcome and Community Focus

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Special Music/Invitation to Prayer *Adagio Cantabile*
Beethoven, Carolyn Cline, piano

Congregational Unison Prayer #481
The Prayer of Saint Francis

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (vs. 1-2)* #402

Reading From *The Metta Sutta (On Loving Kindness)*

Offertory Invitation

Let us give freely, with a generous and joyful spirit, today and every day, in remembrance of our blessings.

Offertory Music *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Labenske

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Offertory Prayer

***Ritual of Friendship** (you are invited to greet one another)

Special Music 7:45 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*
Good Morning Choir, Sydney Vogel, director
9:30 *Simple Praise*, Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 6: 27-31

Sermon *Loving Kindness*

***Hymn** *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* vs. 1, 2 & 4 #561

***Benediction** *Sanctuary* (sing twice) TFWS #2164

Postlude 9:30 *Lauda Anima* arr. Hughes

*Please stand as you are able.

Assisting in Worship: Patti O'Neill, Nancy Wade, Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein, Rev. Rusty Butler, Rev. Valerie Oden

Acolyte: 9:30 Danielle Martinez

Welcome Center: Melanie Mayeranderson

If you are new to the community or this church, **WELCOME**. Please sign the fellowship book so we can send you a copy of our newsletter, *The Circuit Rider*. Stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up brochures describing the programs and activities AUMC offers and a copy of our newsletter.

Next Week's Special Music:

Bob Hurrell & Ben Nelson, trombone duet
We Gather Together, Chancel Choir, Mary Everitt, director

Special Music for Advent Sundays (9:30 service)

11/30 Lisa Frisch, flute; *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, Chancel Choir, Sydney Vogel, director, Andie Nelson, cello

12/07 3 Men & a Bass; *Comfort & Joy*, Chancel Choir, Sydney Vogel, director, Janis Buckles & Tim Stegink, rhythm instruments

12/14 *The Children's Christmas Pageant will be the sermon part of the 9:30 service; the rest of the service will be a normal format.*

12/21 Bronze Ringers; Carolyn Cline & Dianne Cuadrado, Christmas Duets; *Sing Joy to the World*, Chancel Choir, handbells & trumpets, Debbie Willeford, director

AUMC Opportunities

Newcomers Tea Today at AUMC

If you are new to the church or have been coming for a while and are not yet a member, you are invited to a Newcomers Tea today at 10:45 am in the chapel. Come and have a cup of coffee or tea and a bite to eat, mingle with other newcomers, meet some of the church leadership, and hear about the life of the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

Butter Braids are here! Please pick up your order in the Center... and thank you for your support.

Women's Spiritual Journey will have special meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17 in the chapel or library, with Rev. Sharon McCormick to select a book for sessions Jan. 6 through February. Please bring book suggestions. We will also discuss time and place for Christmas gift exchange get together.

Calling all seamstresses: the children's program needs your help making simple costumes for our Christmas pageant. Please call Iris Rafferty, 303-460-7754, if you can help!

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be part of the 9:30 worship service on Dec. 14. All children ages 3 – grade 6 are welcome, with youth and adult volunteers needed. The "Pageant Party" is Sat, Dec. 13, 9-11:30 am for costuming, rehearsal, singing, crafts, and games. Nursery care will be provided so parents get the morning off. Registration is required. Forms are available through Sunday School and the Dec. Circuit Rider. Or you can email pageant@arvadaumc.org.

Holiday Orchestra

Today following the 9:30 service we will pass out music folders to musicians (band & orchestra) interested in playing with the AUMC Holiday Orchestra in the annual tradition of presenting special music for the 7:30 pm Candlelighting Service on December 21. Pattie Nelson will again direct the orchestra which last year was comprised of almost 60 talented musicians of AUMC. The orchestra will rehearse for one hour following the 11/23 and 11/30 Sunday 9:30 services, and one hour in the evening of 12/7 and 12/14. No matter your age and talent level, the AUMC Holiday Orchestra "has room at the table for all"! Questions? Call Pattie Nelson at 303-425-9391.

Our Sunday Morning Worship times have changed to 7:45 and 9:30 am.

Coffee Fellowship in the Center is from 8:45-9:30 am and 10:30-11:00 am.

Children & Youth Church School is during the 9:30 hour.

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300

Preschool room 304

Kindergarten room 305

1st-2nd Grades room 205

3rd Grade room 203

4th-6th Grades room 306

Junior High (7th-8th) room 209

Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th – 12th

Today: "Lights of the Round Table," 6:30-8 pm

This Saturday, 11/22: Prepare Thanksgiving food baskets, 9-10 am in the Center

Next Sunday, 11/23: \$2 Dinner 6:30-8 pm

Acknowledgements



Flowers:

Warren and Mattie Jean Petty for being fortunate in having the Wilson Thompson family as part of our lives for over 63 years;

Mary Slote in memory of husband, friends, and family;

Audrey Metz in loving memory of husband John and daughter Marguerite Marie.

Greeters:

7:45 – Warren and Mattie Jean Petty

9:30 – Ken and Shirley Simons

Today, Nov. 16

Hunger Sunday
Holiday Orchestra rehearsal, 10:30 am
Newcomers Tea, 10:45 am
in the chapel

This Week: Nov. 17–Nov. 22

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am
Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am
Yoga: Mon & Thurs, 6:00-7:00 pm
KDD: Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30 am

Mon: Visitation Team, 10 am
Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm
UMW Bookworms, 7 pm
WSJ Planning, 7 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am
Hannah Circle, 9:15 am
Care Team, 1 pm
Toastmasters, 6:30 pm
Mary Martha Circle, 7 pm
Advent Study, 7 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm
Brown Bag Bible Study, noon
Spiritual Connection, 6:45 pm
Financial Peace University, 7 pm
Chancel Choir, 7 pm

Thurs: Esther Circle, 9:15 a m
Elizabeth Circle, 9:15 am
CR Volunteers, 10 am
Priscilla Circle, 12:30 pm
Arvada Voices, 5:30 pm
Grow the Church, 6:30 pm
Sound of the Rockies Concert, 7:30

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am
Caregivers Support, 9 am

Sat: Thanksgiving Basket Sorting, 9 am

Next Sunday, Nov. 23

Holiday Orchestra rehearsal, 10:30 am

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

Greeters are needed for December for the 9:30 service.

Purchase tickets for “**Sound of the Rockies,**” Nov 20 at 7:30 pm

Adult Education Sunday Morning

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, 8:20

Insights Book Study, 8:45

Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm

Advent Study, Tues, 7 pm

Wednesday Brown Bag
Bible Study, noon

**Financial Peace Univ.,
Wednesdays, 7 pm**

Friday Morning Theology
Study, 7 am

Thank You notes: As you may have read in this month's Circuit Rider the bulletin board by the water fountains is available for you to post a thank you to those volunteers who quietly do so many important tasks at the church and may not have been recognized in the past for their efforts.

Whether you want to thank someone in particular, or just be thankful for something that gets done around the church, even if you don't know who does it, fill out a note with your message of thanks. May our collective thankfulness overflow the board!

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

"Sound of the Rockies," a men's international medalist chorus, will have a concert at AUMC on Thurs, Nov 20, 7:30 pm. This is a pre-holiday benefit performance that will include "Wizard of Oz" by Satisfaction Quartet. Tickets are \$12 each, one child 12 or under free with each paying adult.

UMW Lydia Ladies:

Thursday, November 21-Birthday Party at Mountain Vista, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26- Bingo at Arvada Health Care Center, 2:30 p.m.

Reiki Class

A level one Reiki class is on Friday evening November 21 and Saturday afternoon November 22. The cost is \$100 for the two days. Class size is limited. Please contact Bob O'Connell at 303-421-5135, ext. 226 if you are interested.

Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday Book Club will not meet on the regular date of Nov. 24 because of proximity to Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the John Allen Library. All readers are invited to come and enjoy this discussion of "A Hope in the Unseen--An American odyssey from the inner city to the Ivy League" by Ron Suskind. This book is based on his Pulitzer Prize winning series of articles for the Wall Street Journal on Washington D.C. honor students.

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