

Worship and Celebration

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January 24, 2010

“There spread before us are all the hurts and losses of the world, there spread before us is the power of God, given as steadfast love, mercy and faithfulness.” - W. Brueggeman

Prelude *2 Settings of Psalm 23* arr. Martin/Ward

Call to Worship (In Unison):

We remember that those who perished in the earthquake are more than numbers, more than statistics, more valuable than sparrows; each person was a person of sacred worth created in the image of God.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10: 29-31

***Opening Hymn** *O God Our Help in Ages Past* #117

Welcome / Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew, pass it down your row and back so we can get to know one another.

Children’s Time *Children are invited forward for a special time. They will be led to their classrooms for Sunday School following Children’s Time.*

Prayer Hymn *When Innocence Is Fractured* (see insert)

Unison Prayer

We pray for those who suffer in Haiti even now. For relatives, for the children, for mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, grandparents, aunts and cousins. For the survivors who question what more they might have done. And for those who must keep on keeping on, in spite of. For the leaders, for those who bring aid, and those who must carry the news and who await the news. Strengthen and encourage them we pray. Amen.

Dr. Pamela Lightsey

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Invitation to Offering

The Offertory *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Hayes
Carolyn Cline, piano

***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

Anthem 9:30 *I Am Not Afraid* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Reflection “The Cadence of Loss” Rev. R. Butler

***Hymn** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* #2241

Benediction

***Response** *On Eagle’s Wings* #143

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Canning

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Marsha Clark, Brad Pierson, Sydney Vogel, Debbie Willeford, Carolyn Cline, Chris Moore, Kent Smiley

Co-Pastors: Rev. Rusty Butler and Rev. Valerie Oden

Acolytes: 9:30 Katie Cannon and Brooke Perala

Welcome Center: Arnelle Burg

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 Sunday’s Music:

9:30 *Mighty Is He*, Chancel Choir and Tim Stegink, percussion
Charles A. Knutson at the organ

AUMC Opportunities

Bill Hohs, VA Benefits-Are You Eligible? Aid & Assistance Pension

Monday, January 25, 2010, 7:00 pm

This program was designed to provide financial assistance to wartime veterans or their surviving spouse who lack the funds necessary to pay for the assistance they require with the routine activities of daily living. Bill Hohs is a paralegal for Veteran’s Benefits division of Underhill & Underhill. For more information contact Lynne Kendall 303-466-4980 or Bill Hohs 303-747-6295.

Wednesday Book Club, January 27, 1:30 pm

Geraldine Brooks, author of *“People of the Book”* creates compelling characters and interesting stories as she weaves fact and fiction to fill in the history of *Sarajevo Haggadah*, a Jewish prayer book with paintings originating in 15th century Spain. Readers are invited to Wednesday Book Club at 1:30 pm, Jan. 27 in the John Allen Memorial Library for discussion of this book that delves into the mysteries involving art and religion.

Movie on the Hill at AUMC

The Insights Study Group will host the “Movie on the Hill at AUMC” on Friday, January 29, at 7 pm in the church’s John Allen Library. Please join us for the viewing of Household Saints (rated R), a film from 1993 starring Tracey Ullman, Vincent D’Onofrio, and Lili Taylor. The story traces the lives of three generations of Italian-American women in post World War II Little Italy in New York City. It is a story about love and faith, and has been variously described as thoughtful, complex, odd, unpredictable, and profound. Refreshments will be provided, and there will be time for discussion following the movie. Please RSVP at the church office (303-421-5135) by Thursday, January 28.

‘Just Faith’ Information Meeting

On Sunday, January 31 at 10:45 in the Chapel there is an informal information session on ‘Just Faith,’ an adult education program focusing on social justice ministries. Members from other congregations that have offered the curriculum will be on hand to share their personal experiences and to answer questions. All are welcome. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATE: Join The AUMC Foundation on **Sunday, March 14 at 10:45 am** for a discussion on **Five Wishes**, a valuable document that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. Learn how Five Wishes can help you and your family, plus find out about the changes in the Colorado power of attorney for finances effective January 1, 2010. We’ll see you there!

Mental Health and Addiction Issues Facing the Elderly-

Phillip Bender-Stone, LCSW, Monday, February 8th, 7-8:30 pm in room 209
Learn early warning signs of depression, dementia, or addictions in the elderly. Develop a general understanding of how to assess your loved one for independent living, assisted living, or skilled nursing care. Refer to page 3 of the Horizons booklet.

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School: Children begin worship with their families in the sanctuary. After Children’s Time, teachers lead children to their classes. Parents may pick them up after church in the classrooms.

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30, room 300	3rd and 4th Graders, chapel
Preschool, room 304	5th and 6th Graders, room 306
Kindergarten, room 205	Junior High (7th-8th), room 209
1st and 2nd Graders, room 205	Senior High (9th-12th), room 206

UMYF 7th – 12th

Today: TBA

Next Sunday: TBA

Acknowledgements

Flowers:

Dean & Deborah Huber in loving memory of Deborah's parents, Rev George & Ruthe Yost; Bruce & Kay Robison in loving memory of parents and brother; Dick & Dottie Thomas in loving memory of son, Mark.

Greeters:

7:45 – Marcia and Bob Canter
9:30 – Elaine and Irv Levy

Today, January 24
Newcomer's Tea, 10:45 am
Alternative Health Mtg, 10:30 am
Children's Choir, 10:35 am

This Week: January 25 - 30

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am
Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am
ESL: Tues, 10 am; Wed, 9 am, 1,6 pm; Sun, 1 pm

Mon: Bronze Ringers, 7 pm
VA Benefits, 7 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am
Care Team, 1 pm
Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

Wed: Brown Bag Bible Study, 12 pm
Wed Book Club, 1:30 pm
Women's Spiritual Journey, 7 pm
Hartshorne Study, 7 pm
Chancel Choir, 7 pm
Spiritual Connection, 7 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am
Recorders, 9:30 am
Movie on the Hill, 7 pm

Next Sunday, January 31
New Members Received
Children's Choir, 10:35 am
'Just Faith' information, 10:45 am

Worship Services

(with Nursery available)
7:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

Church School

9:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

8:45 and 10:30 a.m.
in the Center

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates**. Social Concerns receives 4-5% of sales for missions.

Welcome people as they come to church. Greeters are needed for Feb.

Adult Education Sunday Mornings

Insights Book Study, 8:45
Adult Bible Study, 10:30
Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm
Brown Bag Bible Study,
Weds, noon
Women's Spiritual Journey,
Weds, 7 pm
Friday Morning Theology,
7 am

Response to the Earthquake

Devastation in Haiti: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has close ties with the Methodist Church in Haiti and is responding with funding, material resources and prayers. We will be involved in the "Emergency" early response phase as well as the "Relief" and "Recovery," which will continue for as long as there is need. **Checks can be made out to AUMC with Haiti in the memo line** and placed in the offering plate. 100% of gifts made to this advance will go to help the people of Haiti.

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music & Children's Choir Dir., Sydney Vogel

Birthing Kits. According to UNICEF, Sierra Leone has the highest maternal and child mortality rates in the world. One in 8 women die during pregnancy or during child birth. A child born in Sierra Leone has a better than one in four chance of dying before the age of 5. Birthing kits provide more sanitary deliveries and reduce the incidence of deaths from infections in the first month of a baby's life. The kit should include one hotel-size bar of soap; one pair of clean latex gloves; one square yard of clear plastic sheeting; 3 pieces of clean string each 12 inches long; one clean single use razor blade; and 2 flannelette receiving blankets, approximately 36" x 36". Everything should be placed in a one gallon ziploc bag. Place completed kits in the bassinet in the narthex.

Habitat for Humanity 2010 - Bails Townhome Community build is underway at I-25 and Colorado Blvd. Jeffco Partners will begin construction of the townhome for the Mwenebitu family in March with a site blessing on Saturday, March 6, at 10:00 am. The Mwenebitus are a family of 5 who fled the violence in the Congo and stayed in refugee camps in Mozambique before being resettled in the Denver area. For information on how to volunteer to work at the site, contact Alan or Carolyn Williams at arwilliams6@comcast.net, 303-422-6623, or see the Habitat display in the Center following services. Additional volunteer opportunities include providing 15 sack lunches. Transportation need not be provided by those making the lunches. Donations are always welcome.

Fifty Plus: Jeffco Brass, led by Pattie Nelson, Tues, Feb. 2. Fifty Plus meets in the Fellowship Center at 6:30 pm the first Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May. Adults of any age are welcome. Bring a potluck dish to share and two dollars per person.

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