

Worship and Celebration

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Arvada United Methodist Church

January 18, 2009

“The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”
—Theodore Parker, quoted by Martin Luther King Jr.

Prelude *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Wood

Introit *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

***Call to Worship** *(Adapted from the words of MLK Jr.)*

One: Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

All: Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

One: Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

All: And so we gather as those unwilling to be silent in the face of injustice. We gather as those sharing in God’s dream for the earth. We gather to recommit our lives to the path of peace and wholeness for all.

***Opening Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* #428

Welcome and Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew, pass it down your row and back so we can then greet each other by name.

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Anthem *Hope Will Come* Chancel Choir

Unison Prayer

We pray today, O God, that hope will come to this world in need, that peace will prevail in the midst of strife. We pray that this nation’s people may join hand in hand as we move forward in time; we pray that we may honestly name the brokenness that ails us in order to find the wholeness that calls us. We pray that we may rise up as children of justice together.

Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS #2193

*Lord, Listen to your children praying,
Lord send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent 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.

Offertory Invitation

*We give because we are blessed. We give to share our abundance.
We give for those in need. We give so that justice might grow.*

Offertory Music *Spiritual Medley* arr. Bober

***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

Special Music 7:45 *I’ll Fly Away* The Good Morning Choir
9:30 *Abraham, Martin, and John*
Debbie Willeford, soloist

Scripture Luke 4: 14-21

Reflection “The Church Weighs In: Race Relations”

*This is the first of a four part series called
“How Faith Meets Life: The Church Weighs In”*

***Hymn** *Lift Every Voice & Sing vss. 1 & 2* #519

***Benediction/Hymn** *Lift Every Voice & Sing vs. 3* #519

Postlude *Love Divine* arr. Swann

Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Vera Alexander, Gay Ostrander,
Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein,
Randy Penn; Rev. Valerie Oden
Acolyte: 9:30 Haley Peterson **Welcome Center:** Shirley Simons

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.

Special Music Next Sunday:
1/25 Serena Klein, violin

AUMC Opportunities

The Golden Singles will meet today, 11:30 am at Red Robin, 7460 W. 52nd. Hope to see you there. Call Joan McTaggart, 303-429-3759.

UMW Lydia Ladies

Today we’re packaging the Valentine’s Care Packages after the 10:30 service! Sign up sheets went out this week to our members. Please return them as soon as possible so that we can begin planning our upcoming events and make a difference in the lives of others.

The annual Martin Luther King Celebration has been postponed due to Inauguration events. Join the Arvada community in **MLK Day of Service** by dropping off food and clothing at AUMC tomorrow from 9-6 pm. See fliers on welcome table for details.

Newcomers’ Tea is next Sunday, January 25 from 10:45 am-12 noon. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, mingle with others, and hear about the life of this congregation. *New members will be received during worship services on Sunday, February 8.*

Wednesday Book Club

You are invited to start the New Year by reading and discussing "Dreams of My Father" a memoir of his life by President-elect Barack Obama, 1:30 pm, Wed, Jan. 28, library.

Christmas Thank You

Many thanks to the very generous AUMC members and friends who helped thirty families in the Arvada area feel the warmth of the Christmas spirit. So many did so much: adopting community families for gift-giving, bringing in pounds and pounds of food to go with those gifts, packing food, and delivering baskets. It wouldn’t get done without all of you!

THIRTEEN WEEKS TO IMPROVED FINANCES

The AUMC Foundation is again sponsoring the Financial Peace University beginning on Sunday, February 15. Classes are held weekly and presented by Dave Ramsey via video accompanied by discussions facilitated by Chris Johnson of the AUMC Foundation. Previews for the classes will be shown following worship on Feb. 1 and 8. The cost of the classes is \$99 for singles or couples and teenagers in your family are welcome. Sign up in the church office at (303)421-5135. There is a \$25 rebate for those who finish the class. See you there!

**Our Sunday Morning Worship services are at 7:45 and 9:30 am.
Coffee Fellowship in the Center is from 8:45-9:30 am and 10:30-11:15 am.
Children & Youth Church School is during the 9:30 hour.**

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300 3rd Grade room 203
Preschool room 304 4th-6th Grades room 306
Kindergarten room 305 Junior High (7th-8th) room 209
1st-2nd Grades room 205 Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th – 12th

Today: 6 pm, Light Supper; 6:30-8 pm, UMYF

Acknowledgements



Flowers:

Barbara Eichman in memory of my parents and appreciation of church;

Ed and Marlene Zimmerman in memory of Marlene's parents Bill and Louise Chambers.

Greeters:

7:45 – Allen & Sandy Campbell

9:30 – Nancy & Chuck Wade

Today, Jan. 18

Hunger Sunday

Music Committee, 10:45 am

Arvada Voices 10:45—11:45 am



This Week: Jan. 19-Jan. 24

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am

Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am

KDD: Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30 am

Mon: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MLK Day of Service Food Drive, 9 -6 pm

Tues: Hannah Circle, 9:15 am

Care Team, 1 pm

Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

Mary Martha Circle, 7 pm

Women's Spiritual Journey, 7 pm

Wed: Visiting Team, 10 am

ESL, 9 am & 6 pm

Brown Bag Bible Study, noon

Financial Peace University, 7 pm

Chancel Choir, 7 pm

NA, 7 pm

Thurs: Qigong class, 6 pm

Grow the Church, 6:30 pm

Beyond Theology, 7 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am

Sat: Non-Violence Training, 1:30 pm



Next Sunday, Jan. 25

Nursery Committee, 9 am

Children's Moments, 9:30 am

Newcomer's Tea, 10:45 am

Arvada Voices, 10:45-11:45 am

Social Concerns, 11 am

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

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

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

Wednesday Brown Bag

Bible Study, noon

Financial Peace Univ.,
Wednesdays, 7 pm

Friday Morning Theology
Study, 7 am

Qigong for Stress Re-

duction, Thursday,

January 22, 6-8 pm

We'll learn some healing exer-

cises that help you relax, in-

cluding some various stretch-

ing exercises, healing sounds,

and standing and seated medi-

tations. Qigong means

"working with the breath or life

energy", but it's so much more

than that. To register for this \$20 two hour class call Mary

Foster at 303-947-6847.

Urban Peak: Please pick up food tags in the narthex.

Donations need to be received in the Center kitchen, by

noon on Thursday, February 5.

Ministers

Rusty Butler

Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

Alternative Gift Market

Your generous support of the Alternative Gift Market in December has given people around the world presents of health, opportunity, and hope. Please check out the bulletin boards in the narthex or the Center and see how many gifts you gave the world's neediest. You have touched the lives of many people in every corner of the world – many thanks!

Insights Book Study

Seventy six years ago the president-elect was facing a nation plagued with high unemployment, a stock market which had cratered, countless home mortgages in default, and citizens filled with fear and disillusionment. Today President-elect Obama and his congress are facing essentially the same set of problems. On Sun, 1/ 25 at 8:45 am in the library the Insights Book Study group will begin to study the book, *The Forgotten Man*. This insightful book describes the actions FDR and his congress took during his first two terms to combat the Great Depression. You are invited to join the class. Questions? Call Charles Collier at 303-424-1303.

The Colorado Citizens for Peace and Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice

will co-sponsor a non-violence training for social change at AUMC on Sat, Jan. 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in Room 205. Suggested donation is \$5; but no one will be turned away because of lack of funds. If you have questions or to confirm a spot, contact Betty Ball 303-444-6981.

Habitat for Humanity

AUMC is a member of Jeffco Partners for Interfaith Action, an organization of ten area congregations and the Arvada Kiwanis that has raised funds and helped build 8 homes through Habitat for Humanity during the past 10 years. February 4 will be the beginning of construction of a new house close to AUMC at 68th and Saulsbury. Everyone is invited to the site blessing on Sat, Feb. 7 at 8:30 am. Those interested in participating in the build, providing lunch for volunteers or donating additional funds can find information in the Center between services each Sunday. This build will last approximately 12 weeks. Volunteers who wish to work must be at least 16 but do not need any construction skills or tools.

Movie on the Hill: *The Kite Runner*, PG 13

Friday Night, January 30 - Based on one of the most acclaimed novels in recent memory, *The Kite Runner*, is a profoundly emotional tale of friendship, family, devastating mistakes and redeeming love. Please join your friends (you'll find new ones too) at 6 pm for movie, dessert and discussion. We will also provide child care for families with younger children. See you soon for some "celluloid epiphanies."

Reiki Level 1 class now forming

Reiki is a natural hands on healing process that can be used on one's self or others. Please call Bob O'Connell at the church (303-421-5135) to register or for more information.

Singles Workshop

Sat., Jan. 31, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm: Letting Go Workshop - An interactive, Christian-based class that helps singles heal from the past and move forward with more confidence and valuable information that will positively affect future dating experiences. All singles, never-married, divorced or widowed welcome. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$59 (includes snacks, lunch & materials). Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit www.SinglesWorkshops.com.

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"Beyond Theology"

Rev. Rusty and Rev. Valerie will lead a 4 week video series beginning this Thursday, January 22 at 7 pm. This thought provoking series is about the evolution of consciousness in a critical period of global convergence and environmental challenges. *For more information please visit www.beyondtheology.tv.*

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

On Super Bowl Sunday, our youth invite you to make a difference in the lives of people who don't even have a bowl of soup. Please bring a can of soup or any non-perishable food to church on Sunday, Feb. 1. All donations will go to local food banks. *Join our team as we tackle hunger!*

Super Sunday is February 8, 10:45-noon in Room 209

All children grades 4-6 are invited to attend Super Sunday. Our theme is "Being Peacemaers." See you there.

Sermon Series

How Faith Meets Life: The Church Weighs In

- Sunday, January 18: *Race*
- Sunday, January 25: *Education*
- Sunday, February 1: *Healthcare*
- Sunday, February 8: *Inclusion*

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