

Worship and Celebration

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Arvada United Methodist Church

March 8, 2009--Lent II

Prelude *O Store Gud* (German) arr. Mansfield

*Call to Worship

One: Are we standing in a desert unable to move?

All: With the world building round us ignoring our mood?

One: Let's budge, start stepping, unlike the Zax.

All: We'll swallow our pride and start making tracks.

One: It won't be easy, but we're not alone;

All: For the God of life is calling us home.

***Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89

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 get to know one another.

Special Music *Blessed Be the Lord* Arvada Voices

Children's Time (children are invited to the front) The Zax

Children Leave for Sunday School *Jesus Loves Me*, #191 vs. 1

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Unison Prayer The Prayer of Saint Francis #481

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.

***Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #454

Mission Moment Ernie Giron, Arvada Food Bank

Offertory Invitation

Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it. (1st Peter 4:10; the Message)

Offertory Music (9:30)
Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord arr. Young
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

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

Anthem *Fairest Lord Jesus* Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 15: 13-19

Reflection "Dancing in the Desert" Rev. V. Oden
Part two of the sermon series "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss"

***Hymn** *Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days* vss. 1, 3-5 #269

***Benediction** *What Does the Lord Require of You* #2174

Postlude *Toccata on "St. Anne"* arr. Young

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Marsha Clark, Brad Pierson, Sydney Vogel,
Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein, Randy Penn
Co-Pastors: Rev. Rusty Butler and Rev. Valerie Oden

Acolyte: 9:30 Anne Schwertfeger

Welcome Center: Marian Griffen

Arvada Voices: Katie Cannon, Faith Christen, Madison Cox,
Jonathan Crisler, Valeria de Luna-Kent, Carlton Greenley,
Haley Peterson, Annie Schwertfeger
Director: Heidi Abel; Accompanist: Carolyn Cline

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:

3/15 Haley Peterson & Carolyn Cline, piano duet
O Holy Jesus, Chancel Choir

AUMC Opportunities

HELPING OUR KIDS—Feeding the Future

Next Sunday bring a food item for the *Feeding the Future* Back Pack program of the Arvada Food Bank. Bags of food are distributed each Friday for the weekend to 780 under-nourished students in five Arvada elementary schools. Items include the following: 1 entrée: soup, mac n cheese, canned pasta, etc.; 1 fruit and 1 vegetable: reg. size can; 2 breakfast entrees: oatmeal, cereal, etc.; 2 snacks: granola bar, fruit snack, crackers, etc.; 1 treat: individually wrapped cookies, hot chocolate, etc. Your donations will be delivered to the Arvada Food Bank by Social Concerns committee members.

Arvada Optimist Club's 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction is next Friday, March 13, 5-7:30 pm in the AUMC Center. Tickets \$15; children 10 and under FREE. Proceeds are used for community service, youth projects, and a scholarship endowment fund. Purchase tickets from Carl Almquist, members listed on the bulletin board, or at the door.

Movie on the Hill is next Saturday, March 14 at 6 pm. *Chocolat*, PG13 starring Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp, & Judi Dench in this story of a chocolate shop opening during Lent in an old-fashioned French town. Treats are available afterwards to indulge & enjoy!

A Spiritual Journey Through the Mandala is Sat, March 14, 9 am to 4 pm. Step back from every day life to replenish your soul. All you bring is yourself - no experience required for this visual, spiritual exploration. More information - Marcia Chadly 303-635-0691 or www.suzannefrazier.com.

Elizabeth Circle invites you to join them this Thurs, March 19 for a program on Ralston House. Business meeting is at 9:15 am; program at 10:15 in room 209.

Singles Workshop is Sat., March 21, 1 - 5 pm, for divorced, never-married or widowed. Topics: Love Needs/Identities and Body Language. Interactive format, unique visual aids & scripture. \$40/Advance. Register: 303-750-2208, or www.SinglesWorkshops.com.

GOLDEN SINGLES

Join us on Sun, March 22, 11:30 am at New City Buffet, 5225 W 80th, Unit T (on the northwest corner of 80th & Sheridan). This is a Chinese, American, Mexican buffet. To reserve a space, call Betty Buelter, 303-422-3528.

UMW Lydia Ladies:

March 25- Bingo, 2:30 pm at Arvada Rehab & Health Care Center
April 14- Pizza Party and Planning Meeting, 6:00 -9:00 pm, Rm 209. Send in your sign-up sheets and let us know if you'll be attending the planning meeting. 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, *American Gladiator Part 2*
Next Sunday: 6 pm, Light supper; 6:30-8 pm, *Lights of the Round Table*

Acknowledgements



Flowers:

Betty Allen in loving memory of my husband
John Allen;
Lynne and Steve Kendall in honor of Tatum
Kendall.

Greeters:

7:45 – Bob and Marcia Canter
9:30 – Sandia and Dan Drabik

Today, Mar. 8
Arvada Voices, 10:45 am
Super Sunday 10:45 am
Financial Peace, 3:30 pm



This Week: Mar. 9-Mar. 14

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: Circuit Rider Deadline, 5 pm
Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am
Care Team, 1 pm
Toastmasters, 6:30 pm
Labyrinth Walk, 7 pm
Finance Committee, 7 pm
Lenten Study, 7 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm
Brown Bag Bible Study, noon
Chancel Choir, 7 pm
NA, 7 pm

Thurs: Vision Team, 6 pm
Trustees, 7 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am
Recorders, 9:30 am

Optimist Spaghetti Dinner, 5 pm
Sat: Cantata Rehearsals, 9 am
Movie on the Hill, 6 pm



Next Sunday, Mar. 15
Hunger Sunday
Arvada Voices, 10:45 am
Financial Peace, 3:30 pm

Easter Worship Services

are Sunday, April 12 at
7:45, 9:30, and 11:00 am

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

Greeters are needed for April

Adult Education Sundays

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, 8:20

Insights Book Study, 8:45
Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30
Financial Peace University,
3:30 pm

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm

Lenten Study, Tues, 7 pm
and Weds, noon
Friday Morning Theology
7am

**Update on Habitat for Hu-
manity build** located at 68th
and Saulsbury. Roofing is
completed and siding painted.
The house has doors and win-
dows, and a bathtub. See pho-
tos in the Center or the power
point before the 9:30 ser-
vice. The UMW and other
volunteers have provided
lunches for the workers. Dona-
tions and weekday volunteers
are needed through April. You
must be at least 16 but do not need construction skills or
tools. Join us to help a deserving family build their own
home. Information is available in the Center each Sunday
or sign up online at www.jeffcopartners.com.

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

Western Jurisdiction **Missionary in Residence, Cathy Whitlatch**, will speak at Jefferson Ave. UMC this Friday at 11 am. Cathy served for over 15 years as a missionary in Argentina. A \$5 soup & salad luncheon will be served after her presentation, and a "free-will" offering will be collected to help support missionaries. For reservations call 303-424-0463.

Time to Think Lilies: Lilies adorn the sanctuary Easter morning and are then delivered to those needing our care and concern. We have ordered 75 plants to get a price break. They are \$11 each. To donate a lily, put your check or cash in an envelope marked 'lily' and drop it off at the office or put it in the offering plate. Deliverers are also needed after the last service on Easter which will be over at about noon. Write in the fellowship book 'deliver lilies,' call Sherry at 303-431-6005, ext 227, or email Sherry@arvadaumc.org. Thank you for supporting this special ministry.

Traditional Irish Dinner

You are invited to attend a Traditional Irish Dinner at our sister church, Jefferson Ave. UMC on Sunday, March 15 @ noon. Suggested donation is \$10.00. The church is located at 4425 Kipling St. in Wheat Ridge.

Couples, Singles, & Families in their 30's-50's are invited to join young adults from Applewood Valley UMC on Sat, March 21, 6 pm for dinner at Chopstix Grill, 58th & Independence in Arvada. RSVP by next Sunday, April 15 to Rev. Michele Odell at pugs2bulldogrun@yahoo.com.

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