

Worship and Celebration

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November 15, 2009

Prelude *Toccata for a Joyous Occasion* by Young

Call to Worship

One: We gather to celebrate in parable, story, music and prayer.

People: We gather to remember that we are children of the original blessing, called to be followers of the way.

One: May the song in our hearts,

People: the thoughts in our minds,

One: the journey of our lives,

People: and the community we share honor the source of all.

***Opening Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #140

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.*

Hymn *Bring Many Names* vs 1-3 & 6 TFWS #2047

Congregational Prayer (unison):

God of life, we come to you as we are, trusting that we are made in your image, yearning to know that we are truly originally blessed. We come to you in all our diversity, trusting that your many names hold all of creation. When fear or doubt, scarcity or shame grab hold of us, may we rest in you. When the world's needs call us, may we respond with compassion. And at the end of each day, may we have grown even just a little on this journey of goodness.

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.

Stewardship Moment *Arvada Food Bank* Cheryl Busch

Invitation to Offering

May these gifts bring healing, wholeness and hope to the world.

The Offertory *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* arr. Larson

***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

Special Music 7:45 *I Thank You Lord* Martin

The Good Morning Choir

9:30 *Psalm 150* Lewandowski

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 26-27

Reflection "Original Blessing" Dr. Robin Meyers

***Hymn** *The Summons* vs. 1-4 TFWS #2130

***Benediction Response** *The Summons* vs. 5 TFWS #2130

Postlude *Built on the Rock* arr. Hobby

This morning we offer a special welcome to Dr. Robin Meyers, author of Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus. He travels widely addressing the edge of Christian questioning, calling us back to our roots as followers of Jesus. Dr. Meyers will offer a lecture and workshop tonight at 7:00, with a reception starting at 6:30. Please reserve your place after worship today for \$15, or \$18 at the door tonight.

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Patti O'Neall, Brigid McClaire, Schawn Kellogg, Sydney Vogel, Debbie Willeford, Carolyn Cline, Serena Klein, Kent Smiley

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

Acolytes: 9:30 Brooke Perala and Isabel Shinn

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.

Next Sunday's Special Music:

7:45 Good Morning Choir

9:30 Bronze Ringers; Elizabeth Fellers, piano

A Celebration, Chancel Choir

AUMC Opportunities

COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Arvada UMC will host a Thanksgiving service on **November 26**, Thanksgiving Day. The service begins at **9:00 am**. Please plan on coming a little early so you can hear the fantastic Jeffco Brass play a Mini Concert. The Jeffco Brass, the Chancel Choir & Carolyn Cline will provide Special Music for this service. Rusty Butler will lead the service and share his Thanksgiving message with us. Join us for a truly beautiful start to your Thanksgiving celebration.

Hanging of the Greens

It's time to decorate and prepare the Church for Christmas. Join us in The Center on Friday, November 27, at 5 pm to share a warm meal, decorate the church and kick off our season of joy. Please sign up in the Center following each service so we know you are planning to attend.

Exploring the Story — Advent at AUMC

Sundays, December 6, 13 and 20 at 10:45 am in the chapel.

In this 3 week Advent gathering, we'll hear good ol' fashion story-telling, explore the various Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and hear stories of Christmas traditions around the world. Come and rest in "The Story" during this busy time of the year.

Golden Singles

We will meet for lunch today at 11:30 am at Cuccina Roma Roma's, 12363 West 64th Avenue. Seniors 50+ are invited to come for a dutch-treat Italian meal.

Mark Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 on your calendars. I will be in the Center between services and after second service to receive your check made out to the Old Neighborhood restaurant for our Christmas party. See you there. Dean Burton

UMW Christmas Luncheon Features the Joy of Music, Saturday, Dec. 5

All women of the church and guests are invited to participate in the joy of Christmas music with caroling led by Debbie Willeford, solos, and Morning Bells under the direction of Marian Burnham to be held in the church sanctuary about 1 pm following the UMW Christmas Luncheon at 12 pm, Saturday, Dec. 5 in the Fellowship Center.

Proceeds of the dinner to be prepared by chef Shirley Pierce and hosted by the UMW executive committee will be used to support mission projects as well as provide free child care and a light lunch for this occasion in the nursery/ SS rooms.

Tickets at \$10 each may be purchased in the Fellowship Center on Sunday, November 22 and 29, or through UMW Circle members. You may reserve tables for Christmas fellowship with your guests. Please register names and ages of children needing child care.

UMW Cookie Sale! It's a holiday tradition at AUMC and it isn't possible without all of your donated baked goods. This year's sale will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 9-11 am. More info to come on donation drop-off times.

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: No UMYF Next Saturday: 11/21, 9-10 am, pack Thanksgiving Baskets at AUMC

Next Sunday: 12:30-4 pm, carpool to DENUM to pack Thanksgiving baskets

Acknowledgements

Flowers:

Ken & Shirley Simons in appreciation of family & friends;
Carl & Jean Almquist in appreciation of friends, family & church;
Sue Cantrell with gratitude for medical research and it's rewards.

Greeters:

7:45 – Bill and Deanna Kehlenbach
9:30 – Cheryl and Gary Busch

Today, Hunger Sunday
Children's Choir, 10:45 am
Dr. Robin Meyers lecture/workshop,
6:30 pm

This Week: Nov 16 –Nov 21

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am
KDD: Mon-Fri, 9-11:30 am
Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am
ESL: Tues, 10 am; Wed, 9 am, 1,6 pm; Sun, 1 pm

Mon: Stewardship Committee, 6 pm

Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am

Hannah Circle, 9:15 am

Care Team, 1 pm

Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

Mary Martha Circle, 7 pm

Wed: Visiting Team, 10 am

Brown Bag Bible Study, noon

WSJ/Advent Study, 7 pm

Spiritual Connections, 7 pm

Chancel Choir, 7 pm

Thurs: Esther Circle, 9:15 am, offsite

CR Volunteers, 9:15 am

Elizabeth Circle, 9:15 am

Priscilla Circle, 12:30 pm

Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm

SPRC, 6:30 pm

Worship Committee, 6:30 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am

Caregivers Support, 9 am

Reiki I, 5 pm

Sat: Thanksgiving Basket sorting, 9 am

Senior Game Day, 1 pm

Reiki I, 5 pm

Next Sunday, November 22
Nursery Committee, 10 am
Children's Choir, 10:35 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 to go to missions.

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

Sign-up for **Hanging of the Greens**, Fri, Nov. 27, 5 pm

Adult Education Sunday Mornings

Adult Bible Studies, 8:20 am

Insights Book Study, 8:45

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

Alternative Gift Market

Are you searching for a way to experience the real spirit of Christmas? Then you won't want to miss the Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, December 6 from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. in the Center. You will be able to buy meaningful gifts to honor special people, while helping to build a better world. Imagine giving hope for a visually-impaired child, caring for abandoned elders, or protecting ecosystems for lasting impact. All these and more will be available to purchase at the Market.

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

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

HELP!

We need volunteers to present table displays for the Alternative Gifts Market on Dec. 6. Please come to the activities table in the Center to sign up and get your materials. You can also call Sue Cantrell at 303 423-7782.

Christmas Pageant

Once again, it's time to gear up for our Christmas Pageant!

We will host a Pageant Party and Rehearsal on Saturday, December 12 from 9-11:30 a.m., which is also a Parents' Morning Out. Nursery care will be provided during the Pageant Party. The pageant will be on Sunday, December 13 during the 9:30 service. All children (preschool-6th grade) are welcome to participate in the pageant this year. We also need parent volunteers and youth cadets. Please fill out a registration form and deposit it into one of the drop-off boxes which are located on the information desk in the narthex or in the Center. You can also email your registration info to pageant@arvadaumc.org.

UMW Lydia Ladies

November 23- Birthday Party/ Ice Cream Social at Mountain Vista, 3 p.m.

November 24- Bingo at Arvada Care/Rehab Health Center, 2 p.m.

December 6- Holiday Tea at the historic Holiday Chalet, meet in the narthex at 1 p.m. to receive carpool assignments. Tea starts at 2 p.m.

Make your reservations today in the Center. Cost is \$32.00 per person. Menu includes homemade crust-less quiche, Christmas inspired tea sandwiches, Holiday Chalet scones and ginger squares with vanilla ice cream.

We hope you'll join us and make this a holiday event to remember!

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