

July 18, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color – Red

The white pedestal candle on the worship table is a prayerful reminder of all those who are affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Let us pray for peace and wholeness for all whose lives are at risk.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace!
To the tune “New Britain”

- George Shearing

THE GATHERING

***OPENING HYMN 451**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

***INVOCATION**

Leader: Eternal God, speak to us now the word that we need. May it be as a light to enlighten us, courage to empower us, a compass to show us the way. Quicken and refresh us; direct and enlarge our faith, and enable us by this worship to “know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,” through the living of our days.

People: In this spirit, we gather to worship. Let it be so.

Carol Bedin, Liturgist

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul Kottke

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

UNISON PRAYER

**Peace of the running waves to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the shades of night to you,
Moon and stars always giving light to you,
Deep peace of Christ, the Son of Peace to you.**

[Celtic Christian prayer of blessing]

Carol Bedin

SOLO

Deep River
Carlos Arellano, baritone

- African-American Spiritual/
arr. Harry F. Burleigh

BAPTISM of Daniel Gibson, son of Aideen and David Gibson, brother of Laura and Simon

[In honor of Daniel, you may contribute to our endowed Baptism Fund for children and youth of University Park United Methodist Church.]

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 29:10-14 and Matthew 5:1-10

Carol Bedin

Reader: May God bless the hearing and understanding of these words.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

[As the children leave, let us join in singing.]

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world
All the shades from dark to light, they are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Duane Buys

HYMN 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Dorsey

SERMON

Why Bother with Religion and the Bible? & What Did Jesus Teach?

Rev. Kottke

[Fourth in the Series “Finding God in the Questions”]

RESPONSE OF THE FAITHFUL

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF TRADITION: THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING - Giving out of gratitude for the blessings of our life

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria
Carlos Arellano, baritone

- J. S. Bach/Charles Gounod

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY HYMN 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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Carol Jansch

DISCIPLES SENT INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN 2235-b [TFWS]**

We Are Marching
[singing, dancing, praying]

Siyahamba

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BENEDICTION 143

On Eagle’s Wings

Joncas

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata in C

- J. S. Bach/
arr. Van Denman Thompson



WORD OF WELCOME to our visitors: The addition of your praise to God and presence in our worship this morning heartens us all. If you are visiting from out of town, we wish you Godspeed. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here. Please sign the welcome pad as it is passed to you for our records. Following the service, we invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Greeters: Dorothy & John Penko, Liz & Michael Beindorff

Ushers: Kathy Wood, Joseph Afotey, Nevil Pravasi, Ed Small, Marcia Williams

*Please stand as able

Staffed Nursery available

Large-print hymnals available—please ask an usher

Hearing aids available—please ask an usher



Revs. Paul Kottke and Debby Lawrence,
Student Pastor Patrick Lewis, and the Wellness Survey Task Force

Invite members and friends of University Park UMC to a

**Wii (Wellness inquiry and initiative) Party for:
Refreshments, Wii (Wellness interactive
investigative) Activities and
WHAT NEXT?**

Last chance to attend one of the parties.

Please sign up by e-mail, phone, Sunday morning table, or
placing the tear-off in the offering plate.

Saturday, July 24, 2010

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Mineral Clubhouse in Willow Creek [Yosemite & Dry Creek]

Hosted by Melane and Ross Thielen

Note: Exact directions to the clubhouse will be given prior to the event.

For more information, contact Marilyn Burns at 303/984-9059
or marilynncolo@comcast.net or Paul Kottke at 303/722-5736,
ext 101 or pkottke@universityparkumc.org.

NAME/s: _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____



**JOURNEY WITH US TO
THE PARK
Summer 2010 – 9:00 am**



This summer, Sunday School begins at 9:00 am and focuses on the “greening” of the church.

Here is the schedule for the remaining classes in the Bryans Room:

- July 18 Benefits of recycling and biblical stewardship
- July 25 Rejoicing our faith in God and creation

All classes are led by Student Pastor Patrick Lewis. There are Biblical scriptural references for each topic, based on the book *Green Church* by Rebekah Simon-Peter, an ordained pastor with a degree in Environmental Studies. Each class stands alone; no prior attendance is required.

Sessions for children meet in Room 302 each Sunday and childcare is available.

Join us and find out what each one of us can do to help preserve the goodness of the earth’s air, water, soil, and life itself. It has to start with individuals!!

In August, we shift to Egyptian history. Jim Fleet, a retired teacher of Ancient History, will lead this class in conjunction with the King Tut exhibit at the Denver Art Museum. This class will be held on August 1, 8, and 15 in the Bryans Room.

NOTE: No Children’s Sunday School in August.



If you have any gently used Bibles that you would be willing to donate to the children’s program, please contact Anne Mundt at 303/722-5736 or amundt@universityparkumc.org.

We will be using the Bibles as we develop a new program for Children’s Church. We can take any version, although the modern versions are preferred for the children. Thank you!

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY 7/18	9:00 am	Summer Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Praise Service	Wasser Chapel
	10:00 am	Informal/Traditional Service	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Summer Hospitality	Courtyard
	6:00 pm	Young People's AA	East Parlor
MONDAY 7/19	7:00 pm	Knitting or Knot	Cornerstone II
	8:00 pm	Group 13 AA	East Parlor
	8:00 pm	Stepping Stones AI-Anon	Osborne Parlor
		<i>Prayer Book Reading 39, God's Ability to Provide, page 241, Cycle C</i>	
TUESDAY 7/20	9:00 am	Kindermusik	Bryans Room
	10:00 am	Men's Faith & Fellowship	East Parlor
	4:30 pm	Kindermusik	Bryans Room
	7:00 pm	Troop 5 Boy Scouts	West Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	BMCM	East Parlor
WEDNESDAY 7/21	1:30 pm	U.N. Seminar Committee	Osborne Parlor
	2:30 pm	Kindermusik Lessons	Rooms 302/304
	6:30 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Wasser Chapel
	8:00 pm	Forgiveness AI-Anon	Bryans Room
THURSDAY 7/22	6:00 pm	Children's Mission Project Committee	East Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY 7/23	6:00 pm	Prime Time Live Tropical Fiesta	Edman/Uhlich Home
SATURDAY 7/24	9:30 am	Food Addicts in Recovery	East Parlor
	10:00 am	Alzheimer's Support Group	Osborne Parlor
	4:00 pm	Wii Party	Mineral Clubhouse
SUNDAY 7/25	9:00 am	Summer Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Praise Service	Wasser Chapel
	10:00 am	Informal/Traditional Service	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Summer Hospitality	Courtyard
	6:00 pm	Young People's AA	East Parlor

KIDS CANS FOR KIDS – BRING THOSE ALUMINUM CANS!

It's hot now and we drink more sodas and other canned beverages. Remember to rinse, crush, save, and bring the cans to the church each Sunday as we continue to redeem. The proceeds go to the Children's Hospital Chaplain's Office to provide children's Bibles for those patients who want them and to supply resources of a variety of faith traditions for the Volunteer Faith Cart. Thus far this year we have recycled 457# for a donation of \$207 toward our goal of \$500. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who make this ministry possible and successful.



School Supply Drive

Our Steps young adult group is sponsoring this drive to benefit the young families at the Florence Crittenton School served by Parent Pathways.



Your donation of school supplies and diapers will reach needy pregnant and parenting teens just in time to start the school year. Supplies for 200 students are needed.

Requested items:

Back packs	3" x 5" index cards
Package of 5 subject dividers	Scissors
Spiral notebooks	#2 pencils
Clear Plastic Sheet Protectors	Colored pencils
Composition notebooks	Protractor
Calculator, including scientific	Black or Blue pens
Three-ring binders (1", 1.5", 2")	Compass
Highlighters	One-hole hand punch
Markers	Art journal or sketch book
Glue sticks	Liquid white-out
Diapers (especially sizes 3-6)	Thin-point Sharpies

Please bring your items to the Foyer and place in the marked bin in the Donations Alcove. Next Sunday, July 25, is the deadline. Our Steps group will gather up all supplies and take them to Parent Pathways. **Steps sends a big thanks!!**



CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS THROUGH POTTY TRAINED. Children's Church is provided for 3-1/2 year olds through 3rd grade in Room 302.

CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT RETURNS

– Please join us! Children and families, and anyone else who can help, will be meeting in East Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on July 22 to make sandwiches and put together sack lunches for our second mission project. This time we are giving lunches to the two groups that Ryan Canaday's PB&J group helps during the school year: El Centro Humanitario and a group at Civic Center Park. It would be wonderful to have folks of any



age join us on July 22, and/or if you can donate a few dollars toward supplies it would be greatly appreciated as well. Please see Tom Gonnella, Brad Billingsly, or Anne Mundt for more information.

SUMMER WISH LIST – DenUM and Metro CareRing report needing the following items: cereal, peanut butter, boxed meals, canned fruit, and diapers sizes 4-6. If you can help out, bring your items to the Foyer and place in the Donations Alcove. Kids are out of school and eating breakfast at home instead of the school cafeteria.

WE NEED YOUR LEGOS – If you have any legos that are no longer needed, the Metro Women's program of Habitat for Humanity is collecting. They need thousands for a fundraiser. If you can donate, contact Jill Sladek at womenbuilders@habitatmetrodenver.org. She needs these legos by August 15, if possible.

AIDS WALK COLORADO INVITES YOU – On August 14, the 23rd Annual AIDS Walk Colorado will take place in Cheesman Park. There is no charge to register for the Walk, and you can have as many on your team as you want. Each team member will secure donations from sponsors. You can register your family or team at www.AIDSwalkcolorado.org. If walking is not your thing, the event needs volunteers, as well.

HEY, YOUTH! LET'S GO TO A GAME!! –We

have 10 tickets available for the Rockies game against the San Francisco Giants on Tuesday, Aug 3. The first people to call and reserve a spot get to go!! We will meet at the church, take the light rail to Coors Field, and be there for first pitch at 6:40 pm. Bring money for light rail and dinner snacks.



NEED DOMESTIC HELP? – Our Faith in Action Committee announces a new project in Denver: Green Cleaning for Life. This group provides highest-quality cleaning services while building a higher quality of life for the families of the workers. Using green products and practices, all workers are bonded and have liability insurance. If you are interested, visit info@greencleaningforlife.coop. This is a project of El Centro Humanitario.

RAFT SENDS A BIG THANKS!! – Ray Nelson is overwhelmed by your generosity in donating items for the new refugee family. The most pressing need now is for single beds, bedding, living room chairs, and sofas. If you have any of these items, please call Ray for pick up (303/753-9414).

GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Gift cards for King Soopers, Safeway, and the Sunflower Market are available at the reception desk in the Foyer in increments of \$25, \$50, and \$100. This is one way our UMW supports mission work around the world. Please buy gift cards and redeem them at face value. It costs you nothing, but our UMW receives a rebate from every dollar sold!! Help your UMW – buy gift cards and spent them like money!!

CARING DISCIPLES (CD) MINISTRY – Volunteers serving as Caring Disciples have completed approximately 50 hours of training in listening skills, spiritual resources, and focus on caring for persons facing issues of grief and loss, death and dying, aging, caring for others, emotional distress, and illness and hospitalization. If you or someone you know might benefit from the service of a Caring Disciple, contact Rev. Debby Lawrence at 303/722-5736. All information is confidential.

WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

As of this date, very few have made appointments to be photographed for our new directory. This book is a lifesaver for new members who want to get acquainted with you. And look at all the new babies!!

We want our directory to be as complete as possible.

Please call Betingers ASAP if you want to go to the studio for your photos. There is a lovely outdoor garden setting that can be used by these talented photographers if you want to purchase a package for your family. If you just want your photo made for the directory, that's OK, too.

*Call 303/400-6023 and schedule a sitting.
You will receive a free 5x7 photo.*

You can also schedule a Bryans Room appointment online at www.bettingerphoto.com.

Betingers will be in the Bryans Room from Septemer 24 through October 8 if you prefer to wait until fall.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!