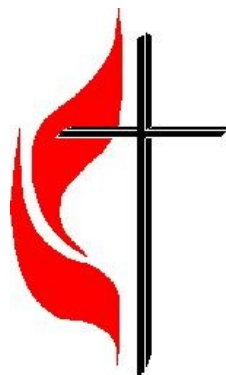


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Mission Statement

Warren United Methodist Church is a congregation providing a sanctuary of healing and a source of education and empowerment. We seek to reflect God's love and justice as revealed in Jesus Christ by acting with compassion and grace.

Our diverse community strives to be open and welcoming to all persons, including those of any race, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability or other differences in social and cultural status.

The love of God encompasses all creation.

July 4, 2010—US ARE THEM

Order of Worship

Musician: Fr. Tom Brumley

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red book); TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black book)

Large-print hymnals and assisted hearing devices are available.

Please speak with the pastor or an usher.

We Gather Together

Welcome and News

Music for Gathering *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **UMH 133 (v. 1)**

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Scripture **Psalm 30**

Prelude *Let Me Be Thine Forever* **Bach**

Call to Worship (*rise in spirit*)

Jesus wants us to follow him. Are you ready?

We will follow wherever Jesus goes.

God will help us on the journey.

But Jesus had no place to lay his head.

Can you let go of your security?

We will follow wherever Jesus goes.

God will help us on the journey.

But discipleship may disrupt your relationships. Can you do that?

We will follow wherever Jesus goes.

God will help us on the journey.

But discipleship may reorder your priorities. Are you ready?

We will follow wherever Jesus goes.

God will help us on the journey.

Opening Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* **UMH 451**

Opening Prayer (*rise in spirit*)

Loving God, you have always been our help.

We cry to you and you hear us.

You bring healing to your people and deliver us from death.

Our grief you have turned to dancing and our sorrow to joy.

Our hearts sing to you, gracious God;

we will praise you forever. Amen.

Warren United Methodist Church

1630 East Fourteenth Avenue, Denver, Colorado

Welcome Home!

Staff

Ministers.....Each member of the congregation
PastorRev. Mariah Hayden
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MusicianRaf Lopez
Office ManagerJoy Manzanares

Lay Leadership

Lay Leader Don Elliott
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Chair, Board of Trustees Richard Jaworowski
Chair, Council on Mission & Ministry.....
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Laurie Day
Financial Secretary Jerine Guest
Treasurer / Chair, Finance Committee..... Susan Jaworowski

“Properly understood, the gospel of Jesus is a rogue element within history, a demythologizing virus that will undermine the false gods of any culture that would presume to contain it. In fact, as American history shows, the gospel itself will often instruct nations in the ways of religious tolerance. But our understanding of the gospel is made peculiarly innocuous when its witness of socially disruptive newness (in whatever culture it finds itself) is underplayed or consigned to the realm of ‘religious issues’ within the private sphere. *When the Bible is viewed primarily as a collection of devotional thoughts, its status as the most devastating work of social criticism in history is forgotten.* Once we’ve taken it off its pedestal long enough to actually read what it says, how does the principality called America interpret the gospel? In an age when many churchgoing Americans appear to view the purposes of the coming kingdom of God and the perceived self-interests of the United States as indistinguishable, what does faithful witness look like?”

(from *The Gospel According to America*, emphasis added, p. 8)

Children’s Time (all children are invited to come up to the steps)
Hymn of Welcome *Where Children Belong* **TFWS 2233**

*This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.*

Special Music *Largo* Handel
Elizabeth Howard, flute

Prayers of the People
Lighting the Candles of 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 tres-
pass 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.**
Choral Amen **UMH 898**

We Hear the Word

Scripture Luke 9:51-62

Sermon Rev. Mariah Hayden
“The Gospel According to America”

Hymn of Reflection **TFWS 2171**
Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering **UMH 94**
Doxology (rise in spirit)

*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 Thanksgiving
**Gracious God, you provide us with opportunities every
day to humbly offer ourselves to help build your reign
on earth. Through our giving, we are able to support
this kingdom-coming and the vital ministries of this
faith family. Bless these gifts and encourage us be in ser-
vice in your holy name. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Invitation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

- ❖ Warren Church has always celebrated an open table, which we recognize as Christ’s table. Therefore, it is open to any who would live in love with neighbor and God. **No matter your affiliation with this church,** you are welcome to Holy Communion. As you are offered a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake of both elements together. You are welcome to kneel at the alter.
- ❖ The Communion Offering goes to the Almoner’s Fund that we might respond to the needs of Warren’s members, friends, and neighbors.

Song during Communion *Eat This Bread* **UMH 628**

Prayer after Communion

**Most bountiful God,
we give you thanks for the world you have created,
for the gift of life,
and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ,
whose holy life, suffering and death,
and glorious resurrection delivered us
from slavery to sin and death.
We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit,
you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
We are your children, and yours is the glory,
now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Scatter to Serve

Closing Hymn *This Is My Song* **UMH 437**
(*rise in spirit*)

Benediction *Shalom to You* **UMH 666**

Sending Forth The worship leaders will greet the first person in each row with the words, “**May the peace of God be with you,**” to which you may respond, “**also with you.**” Then greet the person next to you with a handshake or an embrace and with the same words.

Postlude *Praise the Lord of Lords* Williams

Crossing The Border
by Daniel Klawitter

It is a crime to be criminalized
for crossing a border
that crossed you first.

When will they realize
that walls made of mortar
can’t contain the desperate thirst

for a better life
and a heavier purse
in the land of milk and honey?

It is a crime to be cursed
for speaking a language
that doesn’t fit their Story.

And as for those who worship
the red, white and blue
of Old Glory...

Well, let’s just say it’s usually true
that the people waving that flag
at you are neither red nor blue—

which leaves only one hue
that is, in fact, the absence
of pigmentation.

That no human being is illegal
in the eyes of the angels
seems to escape their imagination.

And as the cries of
“Go back to Mexico!”
arise with religious indignation,

I wonder what these patriots will do

when they finally march on through
the door of death and come at last to
the guarded gate of God’s own town...

And discover to their horror,
that Jesus crossed the border
and Jesus Christ is brown.

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ror: Testimonies on the Current Immi-
gration Debate", by Orbis Books.