



*First Methodist Church*

Sunday School 9:30 — Church 10:45  
8th and Main

CANON CITY, COLORADO

Resident Bishop, Glenn R. Phillips — District Superintendent, Kenneth H. Sausaman  
Pastor, Louis A. Haruf Associate Pastor, Frank Mathis

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 4, 1958.

10:45 A.M.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger,  
and plenteous in mercy."

PRELUDE "Slavonic Air" Dvorak

THE CALL TO WORSHIP By the Choir

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THE OPENING HYMN NO. 359 "Awake, my soul"

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INVOCATION - Almighty God, from whom every good prayer com-  
eth, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit  
of grace and supplication; deliver us, when we draw nigh to  
thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that  
with steadfast thoughts, and kindled affections, we may  
worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING NO. 20, page 585 - 1st reading

GLORIA - MEDITATION - "My Father has need of the flowers"

SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - CHORAL RESPONSE

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SOLO "Consider The Lilies" Scott  
Mrs. Manuel Carrillo

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Genesis 2:8-10; 15-17

OFFERTORY "Song of Happiness" Dieckmann

ANTHEM "Let Us Break Bread Together" Sateren  
solo part by Mrs. Ira Sanger

SERMON "Bible Gardens"

CLOSING HYMN NO. 18 "For the beauty of the earth"

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Postlude in D" Hackett

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Following the morning worship service, take time to greet  
and shake hands with your neighbors and friends.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

7:00 PM Intermediate Fellowship. Sandra Randleman and Linda Walton will lead the lesson based on "The Parables". There will be a social time at the close.

7:00 PM - Senior MYF. Peggy Halter will be the lesson leader and Robert Burger will lead the devotions.

Tuesday, 2:00 PM - The Alethea Class will meet at the home of Mrs. J. P. Walts, 622 River with Mrs. P. E. Pezoldt, Mrs. Earl Bennett and Mrs. George Fuller as assisting hostesses. Mrs. Fuller will present the program and Mrs. Earl Bennett will give the devotions.

Tuesday, 7:30 PM - Dr. Howard T. Brinton, from Kolwezi, Belgian Congo, Africa, will be the speaker at the Sub-District Meeting at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Pueblo. It is hoped that several will plan to attend. For further information, please contact your pastor.

Tuesday, 7:00 PM - Boy Scout meeting at the church.

Wednesday, 9:30 AM - Prayer meeting at the church.

Wednesday, 7:30 PM - Regular choir rehearsal. Let's have a good turn out.

Thursday, 2:00 PM - Circles will meet as follows:

Priscilla - with Mrs. William Nash, 314 Rudd.

Mary - with Mrs. Elton Woodford, 1115 Greenwood.

Naomi - with Mrs. J. P. Walts, 622 River.

Martha - meets at 12:30 PM at the home of Mrs. J. M. Kelley, 504 S. 10th.

Rebecca - will have a pot luck dinner at 12:30 PM at the home of Mrs. L. A. Tuttle, 701 Orchard.

Esther - meets at 1:00 PM at the home of Mrs. R. M. Greever at the Prison Gardens.

Lydia - will meet at 1:30 PM at the home of Mrs. Ernest Mann, 321 College.

Thursday, 7:00 PM - Rev. Haruf will be host to the members of the Bishop Warren Class at the parsonage.

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Next Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day and a good time to honor Mother or her memory by attending the special Mother's Day Church service.



## A Child Shall Lead Them

WE EASILY BECOME SENTIMENTAL about the many New Testament references to childhood. We find it hard—very hard—to arrive at a clear understanding of the childlike attitude that is the glory of the Christian.

Jesus often called his followers children. After his death and rising again, he addressed his most mature disciples as though they were youngsters. Appearing to them on the lakeshore at daybreak, he asked, "Children, have you any fish?" (John 21:5 R.S.V.).

There was nothing casual or accidental about the term "children." It points to the basic truth that men who had walked with Christ for years were still as immature and inexperienced as schoolboys. And in the school of Christian experience none of us is a graduate; not one has attained the status of expert.

True, we grow up as Christians. We put away "childish things." But we never lose the child's capacity to learn, even though we outgrow the baby's skin and the adolescent's squeaky voice.

Children are eager to learn. In spite of flashing periods of overconfidence, they want the learning experience. The first-grader wants so much to read that he pressures his parents into buying an extra reader so that he may read aloud to the whole family. And this desire to be a part of a community of learning persists. The know-it-all attitude comes later. When it comes—and persists—it limits growth, insight, creativity. For real leadership, adults must preserve the child's eagerness to grow.

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*Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*

—Mark 10:14 (R.S.V.)