

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Wolfe, President & CEO, Iliff School of Theology.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Wolfe serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Iliff School of Theology--an appointment that he began on August 1, 2013. Wolfe holds a B.A. degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Syracuse University. Wolfe and his wife, Rev. Marilyn N. Wolfe, LCSW, are both ordained elders in full connection with the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. They have two daughters, Erin Barkan and Kimberly Wolfe, two sons-in-law, and a granddaughter.

Program Participants

Presiding: Adrian Miller, Executive Director, Colorado Council of Churches and African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Morning Prayer: Rev. Dr. Stan Adamson, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Offertory: Rev. Hollis Booker, Board President, Colorado Council of Churches and Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Scripture Reading: Rev. Sue Artt, Acting Conference Minister, Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ.

ASL Interpreter for the Deaf: Barbara Ardoin

Entertainment and Performances

Citizen Way, Cadence, Dudrim--Disciple Mission Church of Denver, Skylar Kaylyn and Armando "Artmando" Silva

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THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Morrison, Colorado

Sunday, April 5, 2015

6:00 a.m.

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

(*Those who are able, please stand)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Cadence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adrian Miller
CCC Executive Director

Leader: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning.
The obstacles we expect to face have been rolled away.

People: **Where once death and despair laid locked in time,
now the bright light of hope sprouts wings.**

Leader: And all who encounter the Risen One will join the
Resurrection Procession.

People: **Some of us will sing.
Some of us will silently soak it all in.
All of us will experience the joy.**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

WELCOME

Adrian Miller

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Stan Adamson
Presbyterian Church (USA)

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL SELECTION

Skylar Kaylyn

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Hollis Booker
CCC Board President

The Offertory

Citizen Way

*Doxology

**Praise God from who all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost
Amen.**

*Blessing of the Offering

Rev. Hollis Booker

The Easter Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Sue Artt
Rocky Mountain Conference
United Church of Christ

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Thomas Wolfe
“The Great Interruption”

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**T’was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**When we’ve been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.**

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Adrian Miller

POSTLUDE

**We have gathered to worship!
We now go forth to serve!**

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celebration by:**

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