



6 "I, the Lord, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness. I will take you by the hand and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel, as a symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations.
7 You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

Isaiah 42:6-7 (NRSVUE)

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Please be seated, silence all devices, and prepare yourself for worship. All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

PRELUDE

PRELUDE HYMN 19

God of Great and God of Small

Mary Dailey

Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

~~~ GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ~~~

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

*God speaks into the world not only with commands, but with questions.*

Charlie G

**Questions that invite us to look again,  
to listen more closely, to speak honestly.**

*Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"*

**Not to test our knowledge,  
but to draw us into relationship.**

*Come, not with perfect answers, but with open hearts.*

We come to worship the God who still asks,  
still listens, still calls us by name.

◆ HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
**Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse**

Congregation

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD ~~~

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

In This Very Room

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlie G

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-7 (New Living Translation)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (we begin in silent confession and then pray together)

Faithful God, we confess that we often answer your questions too quickly and too safely. We name you with our lips, but resist the transformation your way requires. We call you Lord, yet shy away from the cost of discipleship. We trust our own certainty more than your living, disruptive grace.

Forgive us when our answers close us off instead of opening us up. Restore our willingness to follow Jesus, even when the path is unclear, even when the question remains unfinished. Hold us in your mercy as we learn again who you are calling us to say you are. Amen.

HYMN 575

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Charlie G

...Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to keep exploring and naming who Jesus is with our lives.

Thanks be to God.

◆ HYMN 582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

Congregation

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

◆ GOSPEL READING Mark 8:22-29a (NRSVUE)

*This is the Word of the Lord.      God is still speaking.*

Pastor Murray

MESSAGE

*Who Do You Say That I Am?*  
Sermon Series Questions God Asks

HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Congregation

~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ~~~

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Mary Dailey

◆ HYMN 606

Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Murray

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*written by The Reverend Jonathan Murray*)

We believe in God, whose love shaped creation and who asks us — “Who do you say that I am?” This question invites us into truth, relationship, and grace. Even when we turn from God’s ways, no turning of ours can exhaust God’s mercy or undo God’s desire to draw us back into communion.

We trust in Jesus Christ, in whom grace overflows. When asked who he is, Christ does not demand perfect answers, but calls us into lives that demonstrate growth of trust and deepening faith. When many turn away, Christ remains faithful; where sin divides, Christ reconciles; where death threatens, Christ brings life. In Jesus, we discover that faith is not certainty achieved, but trust practiced — choosing to stay, to follow, and to love, even when the way is hard and the question remains.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who continues to ask living questions of the church, calling us from fear into courage, from isolation into community, and from brokenness into new creation. Held by a grace stronger than our failings, and guided by the Spirit’s transforming power, we commit ourselves to walk in God’s light and to live as people continually invited — and continually learning how to answer with our lives. Amen.

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Pastor Winslow

◆ HYMN 54 (vs 1-2)

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Congregation

~~~ CARRYING GOD’S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD’S WORLD ~~~

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

If someone were to ask who Jesus is based only on how you live,  
what answer would your life give?

*The flowers today in the Sanctuary were given by the Opperman’s as a small thank you to a wonderful Congregation. Wishing Peace, Joy and Warm Cheer.*

**Today’s Service**

Director of Music  
Music  
Liturgist  
Trustee  
Usher  
Cover Image

Mary Dailey  
Chancel Choir  
Charlie G  
Kathy McD  
Diane C  
Tumblr

### February's RightNow Media picks

Check out some more videos from the huge selection of inspiring Christian content located at Right Now Media! Everything is accessible for you to conveniently enjoy from your computer or mobile device--absolutely free! Your account is already paid for through FPCL, so all you have to do is sign up.

If you have any trouble creating your account, or accessing content, please contact Pastor Blakeley for assistance! For general audience: **"Tame your thoughts"**:

Break away from negative thought patterns and become a little more like Jesus every day! Celebrated pastor and author Max Lucado leads this six-part series that identifies Scripture-based tools you can use to help change your thoughts for the better.

For women: **"Shero"**: Pastor Jerome Gay is your guide through this study highlighting the faith, courage, and fortitude of four Old Testament women. Learn from their examples to draw inspiration in your own walk with the Lord!

For men: **"Jesus, the Ultimate Warrior"**. Pastor Jerome Gay explores a Biblically based concept of what it means to be a man and helps you to understand the six battles that each man can win through Christ.



**Open Door Circle** will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30.

All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L with any questions.



### **WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE**

**The mission committee is in need of MORE GLOVES, please  
Cold Weather is here**

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

We are having a New Member Class in Ayers Parlor on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00. Please reach out to Dee G if you are interested

### **Sunday Bible Study Today**

Bible Study is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, following worship. Bring a 'brown bag' lunch and join us as we discuss God's Word to us. Both children and Adult Sunday Bible Study will meet, starting in Ficklin Hall for lunch.



### **Tuesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study**

Beginning on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

### **Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study**

On Wednesdays at 10am

**Office Hours** 9am-2pm Tuesday-Thursday

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## *Worship Plans*

## *Sermon Series for Lent, Lent In Plain Sight*

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| February 22: | Bread          | Mark 6 | Bells |
| March 1:     | Cross          | Mark 8 |       |
| March 8:     | Lenten Cantata |        |       |

## **Mission Statement:**

**We Believe the Good News that all of Littleton is called Beloved by Jesus Christ and  
together we Belong to God's Kingdom.**



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