



⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."
John 6:66-68 (NRSVUE)

Sunday, February 8, 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 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

Cheri B

*When the way of Jesus feels difficult,*  
**we gather, trusting that honest questions are welcome here.**  
*When belief feels fragile and commitment feels costly,*  
**we come, not because we have all the answers,**  
**but because we seek truth.**  
*When Jesus asks, "Do you also wish to go away?"*  
**We respond with our presence, our prayers, and our lives**  
*We worship God*  
**who meets us where we are and invites us to follow.**

◆ HYMN 404 (VS 1-2)

*What Is This Place*

Congregation

*Children are invited forward as we sing the final verse*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Grace Upon Grace

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheri B

SCRIPTURE Galatians 2:15-20 (The Message)

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 following Jesus is not always easy, and there are times we are tempted to walk away — from difficult teachings, from uncomfortable truths, from neighbors who challenge us, and from calls to justice that cost us something. We confess the ways we cling to safety over solidarity, certainty over compassion, and silence over love.

Forgive us when we forget that faith is not about having it all figured out, but about staying in relationship with you and one another.

Renew us, transform us, and help us live lives rooted not in fear, but in the grace revealed through Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN 575

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US

Congregation

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Cheri B

...Believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

Thanks be to God.

◆ HYMN 582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

Congregation

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

◆ GOSPEL READING John 6:52-68 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**God is still speaking.**

MESSAGE

*Do You Also Wish To Go Away*  
Sermon Series *Questions God Asks*

| HYMN (Insert in bulletin) | <i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i> | Congregation |
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## ~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ~~~

OFFERING Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY                      *The Prayer*                      Tim Mathistad and 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 whose searching questions — “*What have you done?*” and “*Do you also wish to go away?*”— are not words of condemnation, but invitations into truth 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 relationship.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, in whom grace overflows. When many turn away, Christ remains faithful; where sin divides, Christ reconciles; where death threatens, Christ brings life. In Christ, we discover that faith is not about certainty, but about staying — choosing love, hope, and relationship even when the way is hard.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls 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 returning — home. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35) Pastor Winslow

◆ HYMN 10 (vs 1 & 4)      *Sing Glory to the Name of God*      Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

When following Jesus feels difficult or costly, what helps you choose to stay?
And what honest questions do you still carry?

Today's Service

Director of Music
Music
Guest Soloist
Liturgist
Trustee
Ushers
Cover Image

Mary Dailey
Chancel Choir
Tim M
Cheri B
Kathy McD
Gary Griffith, Dick and Cathy G
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Open Door Circle will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30.

All women are welcome. Please call Hedy Lemieux at 303-794-8284 with any questions.



WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE

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

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.

Sunday Bible Study **Sunday, 15th**

Bible Study is on the 1st and 3rd 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 3rd at 7pm
Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study
On Wednesdays at 10am

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Worship Plans

QUESTIONS GOD ASKS

February 15: *Who Do You Say That I Am?* Mark 8

Sermon Series for Lent,
Lent In Plain Sight

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Ash Wednesday, February 18 Drive Thru Ashes from noon to 1:00;
Worship service at 6p.m. *Dust* Genesis 2

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| February 22: | <i>Bread</i> | Mark 6 | <i>Bells</i> |
| March 1: | <i>Cross</i> | Mark 8 | |
| March 8: | <i>Lenten Cantata</i> | | |

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We Believe the Good News that all of Littleton is called Beloved by Jesus Christ and
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