



First Presbyterian
Church of Littleton



WHEN GOD SAYS
Move

25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Matthew 15:25-28 (NRSVUE)

Sunday, July 5, 2026
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mary Dailey

OPENING HYMN 336

We Gather Together

Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Frear

*Come, people of God, for the Spirit is on the move.*

**We gather to follow where the Spirit leads.**

*When voices are ignored, the Spirit calls us to listen.*

**When neighbors are overlooked, the Spirit calls us to see.**

*When barriers divide us, the Spirit creates new community.*

**When the margins speak, God invites the church to grow.**

*Come and worship the One who welcomes all people to the table of grace.*

**We come to worship God, whose love is wider than every boundary  
and whose Spirit is still moving among us.**

◆ HYMN 340

*This is My Song*

Men's Ensemble

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

God Bless America

Men's Ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Frear

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 6:1-7 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created all people in your image, yet we confess that we often see only those who are most like us. You call us to listen, yet we are quick to speak and slow to hear. You call us to welcome, yet we cling to familiar circles and comfortable assumptions. We confess that we overlook those whose experiences differ from our own. We confess that we sometimes resist the changes your Spirit brings. We confess that we have failed to recognize your presence among those living at the margins.

Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to those we have not noticed. Open our minds to truths we have not considered. Open our lives to the transforming work of your Spirit. Reshape us into a community where all are valued, all are heard, and all are embraced as beloved children of God. Amen.

HYMN 579

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Congregation

**Kyrie eleison (3x)
Christe eleison (3x)
Kyrie eleison (3x)**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Bill Frear

...Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

◆ HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Congregation

**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.**

◆ GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 15:21-28 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE

*When the Margins Reshape the Church*  
Sermon Series "Spirit on the Move"

HYMN 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Men's Ensemble

◆ HYMN 606

Doxology

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

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life ever-lasting. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...And when the time was right, out of your great love for the world, you came to us, lived among us, lifting up humanity, to heal our brokenness and redeem us.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

...We believe that in sharing these elements of bread and grapes that our faith will grow as we are united with Christ.

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us that the sharing of the bread that we
break and the cup we drink may be for us Christ's real presence.**

*We remember that Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to his
disciples, saying,*

"This is my body, given for you."

So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying,

"This is the new covenant poured out for you.

*Do this in remembrance of me." For every time we eat this bread and drink this
cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord,*

Until he comes again.

*Renew us with your life, O Christ, that we may take root in your risen life and
bear fruit in your world. **Amen.***

INVITATION TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS

*If you embrace the hope through God for the world, then you too are
welcome to receive God's gifts. It is Christ who invites us to come, by grace
through faith, and the one who invites us will in no way cast anyone out.*

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Frear

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

◆ HYMN 338

America the Beautiful

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

*An American Trilogy*

Matthew Dialely

*"How do the voices from the margins enable the church to better reflect the love and mission of Jesus today?"*

## Today's Service

Music

Mary Dailey, Men's Ensemble & Matthew Dailey

Liturgist

Bill Frear

Trustee

Trey McDowell

Ushers

Kathy Frear, Diane Caby & Jeanie Ayers



## ANNUAL BACKPACK MISSION

HELP US FILL THEM!

We have all the backpacks we need! Now we need **your help** to fill them with meaningful support.

**GOAL: \$1,750**



**DEADLINE: JULY 15**  
(6 weeks from today, June 2)

This will allow us to include a **\$50 gift card** in each backpack, providing real help and dignity to the students.

Your monetary donations will directly impact children in our community. Every gift brings us closer to our goal!

**Thank you for your generosity and support of this mission.**

# First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



Presents the 23rd Annual

## Western Welcome Week Quilt Show & Used Book Sale

**Come enjoy the beautiful quilts displayed in our Historic Sanctuary (built in 1929 by Jules Jacques Benois Benedict) and Used Book Sale!**

Quilt Drop-off Day: Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm

Quilt Show & Used Book Sale: Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm

Quilt Show & Used Book Sale: Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-3pm

**\*\*Quilts must be picked up on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**

A beautiful hand quilted mission quilt has been generously donated to the Peacemakers to be included in a chance drawing on Saturday August 15, at 3:00pm. All proceeds from the Quilt Show will benefit "Faithfully K-9" - a service to our veterans, who provide individual dog training.

Chance Tickets: **\$1** each or **6** for **\$5**

Proceeds from the Used Book Sale will benefit Whiz Kids Tutoring.

We will begin collecting books July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Welcome Center.  
Contact Kathy Frear at 303-241-3405 or [kathyfrear@gmail.com](mailto:kathyfrear@gmail.com)  
to arrange a drop-off or pick up.

**\*\* LAST DAY TO DONATE BOOKS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> \*\***

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**Mary Dailey**, Director of Worship Arts

**Karen A. Meersman**, Director of Handbells & Children/Youth Music

**Joan Lund**, Financial Secretary

**Matthew Dailey**, Interim Office Administrator

**Jessica Lund**, Bookkeeper

## *Worship Plans*

**Sermon Series: *Spirit on the Move***  
(A study through Acts of the Apostles)

July 12: *Beyond Familiar Roads*

**Acts 8:26-40**

July 19: *Blinded into New Sight (Rev. Katie Palmer)*

**Acts 9:1-19**

July 26: *God Shows No Partiality (CRE Beth Hewlett)*

**Acts 10:1-35**

## **UPCOMING MUSIC**

**July 12: Justin Peterson, trumpet**

**July 19: Traci Kern Piper, soprano**

### **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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