



<sup>18-20</sup> *Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions but simply dropped their nets and followed.*

Matthew 4:18-20 (*The Message*)

## World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025

*All of God’s children are welcome, including their wiggles and giggles!  
Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.*

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

PRELUDE

PRELUDE HYMN 523 (vs. 1-2) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Mary Dailey  
Congregation

~~~ GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE ~~~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Murray

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheri B

*Come, people of God, lift your eyes to the Holy One who calls us.*

**We have seen the Lord, high and lifted up.**

*Come, disciples of Christ, hear again the voice that beckons: “Follow me.”*

**We will leave what we know, to walk where Christ leads.**

*Come, neighbors from east and west, north and south, to the Lord’s Table.*

**Together we will follow the One who makes us one body in Christ.**

◆ HYMN 395

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Congregation

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

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| CHILDREN’S SERMON                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pastor Winslow |
|                                                | ~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD ~~~                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
| MINISTRY OF MUSIC                              | <i>Come to the Banquet</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Chancel Choir  |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Cheri B        |
| SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-4 (The Message)   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Cheri B        |
|                                                | <i>This is the Word of the Lord.</i> <b>Thanks be to God.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                |
| PRAYER OF CONFESSION                           | ( <i>we begin in silent confession and then pray together</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |
|                                                | <b>Merciful God, you call us to follow where Christ leads, but we confess that we are slow to respond. We cling to what is safe and familiar. We resist leaving behind our nets of comfort and control. You invite us into your holy presence, yet we are mindful of our sin and shrink away.</b>                                   |                |
|                                                | <b>Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us by your grace. Give us courage to rise and follow, that we may serve you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |                |
| HYMN 551                                       | <i>LORD, HAVE MERCY</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Congregation   |
|                                                | <i>Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |
| SHARING GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Cheri B        |
|                                                | <i>...Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
|                                                | <b>Thanks be to God!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                |
| ◆ HYMN 581                                     | <i>GLORY BE TO THE FATHER</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Congregation   |
|                                                | <i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>                                                                                                                                                                         |                |
|                                                | ~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD ~~~                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                |
| ◆ GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:18-22 (THE MESSAGE) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pastor Murray  |
|                                                | <i>This is the Word of the Lord.</i> <b>God is still speaking.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
| MESSAGE                                        | <i>Follow Jesus</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Pastor Murray  |
|                                                | Sermon Series: <i>What Disciples Do</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |
| HYMN 726 (vs 1, 2, 4)                          | <i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Congregation   |
|                                                | ~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ~~~                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
| CALL OF THE OFFERING                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pastor Murray  |
| OFFERTORY                                      | <i>He Put a New Song in My Heart</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Chancel Choir  |
| ◆ HYMN 606                                     | DOXOLOGY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Congregation   |
|                                                | <i>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.</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
| ◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pastor Murray  |
| ◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (SOURCE UNKNOWN)        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |
|                                                | <b>We believe in God – who brings forth life from death, joy from sorrow, blessing out of disaster; who meets us behind our closed hearts and speaks a word of peace; who is known in the simple act of breaking bread, gathering around a table; who never forgets our name, who feels our pain, who renews our lives from the</b> |                |

inside out.

We believe in the risen Christ – who bears wounds so that we might not hide from our own; who is present to us in our loneliness, our fear, our doubt; who embraced the hard questions, faced death's door and walked ahead into every experience so we might know we have a Companion on the way.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – who is as close to us as the air we breathe; who inspires the church to be a beacon of light, an oasis of peace and a fountain of joy; who blows free as the wind, touching souls, chasing away the blues, setting loose an alleluia.

We will live as disciples following the way and teaching of Jesus. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
WORDS OF CELEBRATION AND INSTITUTION

*...Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the saving death of our Risen Lord, until he comes again.*

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING  
INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
SHARING OF GOD’S GIFTS  
GIVING THANKS FOR GOD’S GIFTS

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| PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35)    | Pastor Winslow |
| ◆ HYMN 35 <i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>   | Congregation   |
| ~~~~ CARRYING GOD’S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD’S WORLD ~~~~ |                |
| ◆ BENEDICTION                                       | Pastor Murray  |
| POSTLUDE                                            | Mary Dailey    |

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Peacemakers Country Store Christmas Sale Save the date  
December 7, 2025, 8:30-10:00, 11:00-2:00, Chandler Hall.

Worship Focus

*“What Disciples Do:\_\_\_\_\_”* is the sermon series that  
will carry us from October-November.

October 12: *Pray* – Luke 11:1-13 *Bells*  
October 19: *Deny Ourselves* – Luke 9:23-25  
October 26: *Wrestle with Scripture/Faith* – John 6:47-69 [*Reformation Day*]  
November 2: *Commune* – Acts 2:42-49 [*All Saints’ Day*]



**Second Thursday of each month at 1pm in Ayers’ Parlor** or Zoom in with us if you can’t make it to church.  
Contact Janice F if you have any questions or want to join us.  
Here’s what we are reading next:

**For October 9**

*A Calamity of Souls*, by David Baldacci

**For November 13**

*The Lady and the Unicorn*, by Tracy Chevalier

**For December 11**

no book, just a Christmas potluck lunch get-together!



**Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study every Tuesday from 7-8:15**  
Please contact co-leaders Sue C and Janice F for more information.  
**Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study every Wednesday from 10-11:30**  
Please contact co-leaders Joy C or Karla F with questions or to RSVP.

*October RightNow Media picks*

All content from RightNow Media is accessible for you to conveniently enjoy from your computer or mobile device. Your account is already paid for through FPCL, so all you have to do is sign up here: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcl>  
If you have any trouble creating your account, or accessing content, please contact Pastor Blakeley for assistance!

For youth and single adults

**“Single but in a relationship with God”**: Join Gabrielle Santiago as she teaches about embracing your single status as a gift from God, and leaving aside those relationships which aren’t meant for you in order to embrace your real relationship, and purpose, with God.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/935625>

General audience

**“Living for Christ in the workplace”**: Award-winning sportscaster James Brown, and NFL Hall of Fame coach Tony Dungy lead this exploration of how we can better share our faith through our careers, because our belief in Jesus shouldn’t just stay in church, but travel with us wherever we go!

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/770967>

General audience

**“Messengers of the Gospel”**: The Biblical call to share our faith, and make disciples, is for all Christians to follow. This study will empower you to live as a Messenger of the Gospel, illustrating Scriptural truths with real-life testimonies, and scenes from the hit series on the life of Jesus and His followers—*The Chosen*.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/938331>



**Open Door Circle** will be meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 10:30.  
All women are welcome. Please call Hedy L with any questions.

**Today’s Service**

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Music       | Mary Dailey and The Chancel Choir |
| Liturgist   | Cheri B                           |
| Trustee     | Rick W                            |
| Ushers      | Gary G                            |
| Cover Image | Adobe Stock                       |

*\*Prayer cards may be placed on the offering plate or in the box in Chandler Hall.*

**Question** How have you experienced the cost — or the joy — of following Jesus in everyday life?



**WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE**

The mission committee will be collecting new hats, gloves and scarves during the month of October. Collection bins will be placed at the Windermere entrance and in Chandler Hall.



## Second Annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival!

Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm

Volunteer opportunities are available with a sign-up sheet in Chandler Hall



UPDATE



Church Family Photos

Dates: October 12 & 19

When: 30 minutes before and after worship

Where: Ayers Parlor

Have Ready: Contact Information [Address, email, phone number(s)]

### 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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