



<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?”

**John 1:35-38 (NRSVUE)**

## Communion Sunday February 1, 2026

*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

PRELUD

Mary Dailey

PRELUD HYMN 829 (vs. 1, 2) *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

Anne M

*Before we have answers, God asks questions.*

*Before we know where we are going, God asks us what we seek.*

**We come carrying our longings, our fears, our unfinished dreams.**

*To those first disciples, Jesus asked,*

*"What are you looking for?"*

**We are looking for meaning.**

**We are looking for truth.**

**We are looking for a love that will not let us go.**

*Come and see.*

*Come and listen.*

*Come and be changed.*

**Let us worship the God who meets us in our searching.**

### ◆ HYMN 401 (vs. 1-3)

*Gather Us In*

Congregation

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Let the Praise Go Round*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anne M

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:2b-11 (NRSVUE)

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

God of truth, we confess that we often do not know what we are looking for. We chase success when we long for belonging. We cling to certainty when we are invited into trust. We pursue power when you call us toward love. Like Joseph's brothers, we let jealousy and fear distort our vision. Like the first disciples, we hesitate to say aloud what we really want.

Forgive us for falling short and turning away from You.

Forgive us when our dreams become walls instead of windows.

Forgive us when we settle for less than the life you offer.

Turn us again toward you, that our seeking may lead us to your justice, your mercy, and your peace. Renew in us a spirit of faithfulness and help us to trust in You for our own forgiveness, so that we may learn to forgive others.

Amen.

HYMN 575

*LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US*

Congregation

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

*...Believe the Good News: In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, our wandering is met with grace. In Christ, new life begins again.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

◆ HYMN 582

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME*

Congregation

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

◆ GOSPEL READING John 1:29-38a (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

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

MESSAGE

*What Are You Looking For?*

Sermon Series: *Questions God Asks*

HYMN 724

*Oh Jesus, I Have Promised*

Chancel Choir

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

CALL OF THE OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

*One World, One Communion*

Chancel Choir

◆ 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 (*written by The Reverend Jonathan Murray*)

**We believe in God, whose love shaped creation and whose question, "Where are you?" reveals a grace that seeks us even when we hide. We confess that, like those in Eden, we turn from God's ways — yet no turning of ours can prevent God's mercy from turning toward us.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, who meets us not with demands, but with a question: "What are you looking for?" In Christ, our longings are named, our false hopes are unmasked, and our deepest searching is met with grace. Where sin divides, Christ reconciles; where fear constricts, Christ invites; where death threatens, Christ brings life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who stirs holy restlessness within us, calling us from fear into honesty, from isolation into community, and from brokenness into new creation. Held by grace stronger than our failings, and guided by questions that lead us toward truth, we commit to walk in God's light and to live as people continually seeking and continually being found. 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 the 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 (*ALL BREAD IS GLUTEN FREE*)

As you pass the plate to your neighbor, please offer them “*the bread of life*” or “*the body of Christ*” and “*the cup of salvation*” or “*the blood of Christ*”. Our response is always “*thanks be to God*”.

## GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF GOD

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## Pastor Winslow

◆ HYMN 546 (vs 1 & 3)      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*  
Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

When you listen honestly to Jesus asking, “What are you looking for?” What answer rises up in you right now — and how might that shape the way you live this week?

### Today's Service

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Music       | Mary Dailey   |
| Liturgist   | Chancel Choir |
| Trustee     | Anne M        |
| Ushers      | Sue C         |
| Cover Image | Scott C       |
|             | Wordpress     |

*The beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary are given with love by Maria and Scott  
in honor of their daughter, Ella's, 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday.*



### WINTER ACCESSORIES DRIVE

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

### Sunday Bible Study **TODAY**



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



### Tuesday Morning Shappy Sheep Women Bible Study

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

### Wednesday Morning Shabby Sheep Women Bible Study

Beginning on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am

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*Worship Plans*

*QUESTIONS GOD ASKS*

February 8: *Do You Also Wish To Go Away?* John 6

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

*Sermon Series for Lent "Lent In Plain Sight"*

Ash Wednesday, February 18 drive Thru Ashes from noon to 1:00;

Worship service at 6p.m. *Dust* Genesis 2

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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