



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



"⁴ For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵ I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

Isaiah 56:4-5 (NRSVUE)

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

*Please be seated, silence all devices, and **prepare yourself for worship.***

PRELUDE

Mary Dailey

OPENING HYMN 634

To God Be The Glory

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

Merry Snyder

*Come, travelers on the road of faith —  
not always certain where the Spirit may lead.*

**We gather, trusting God goes before us.**

*Come, you who have known welcome  
and you who have known exclusion.*

**God gathers us all into grace.**

*Come, for the Spirit is moving beyond familiar roads,  
beyond old boundaries, beyond fear and division.*

**We come to follow where love leads.**

*Come and worship the One  
whose house is a house of prayer for all people.*

◆ HYMN 305

*Come Sing, O Church in Joy*

Congregation

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Justin Peterson, trumpet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merry Snyder

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56:1-8 (NRSVUE)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the open road,

we confess that we prefer familiar paths.

When you call us toward those different from us,

we hesitate.

When you invite us to widen the circle,

we resist.

When your Spirit disrupts our assumptions,

we cling to what feels safe.

Forgive us for the ways we have excluded others or accepted systems that deny dignity.

Forgive us for drawing boundaries where you have offered belonging.

Transform our hearts.

Lead us beyond fear and into love.

Guide us beyond certainty and into trust.

Make us a people who follow your Spirit wherever it moves.

Amen.

HYMN 579

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Congregation

Kyrie eleison (3x)

Christe eleison (3x)

Kyrie eleison (3x)

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Merry Snyder

...Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to walk new roads together.

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 8:26-39 (THE MESSAGE)

Pastor Murray

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

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE

Beyond Familiar Roads

Sermon Series "*Spirit on the Move*"

HYMN 726 (v. 1, 2, 4, & 5) *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Congregation

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

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

Justin Peterson, trumpet

◆ 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 everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Congregation

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

## ◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

## POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

**“When has God led you beyond a “familiar road”- beyond what was comfortable or expected - and what did you discover there about yourself, others, or God?”**

# Today's Service

## Music

Mary Dailey & Justin Peterson, trumpet

## Liturgist

Merry Snyder

## Trustee

Beth Opperman

## Ushers

Kathy Frear, Cheri Blanchard, Paul Parish & Mary Diekvoss

## Flowers

Beth Opperman

# 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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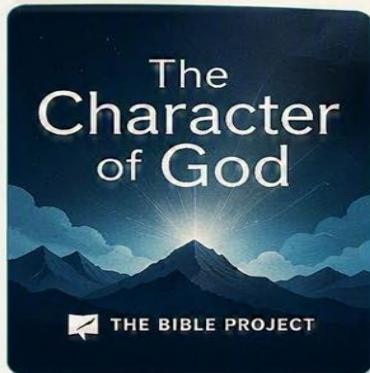
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# July

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

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GENERAL STUDY

## The Character of God

The Bible Project

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If you were to name the attributes of God, what would you name?



Love?



Gracious?



Merciful?

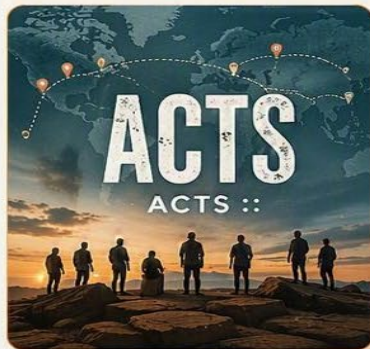


Vengeful?



Demanding?

Learn about the foundational description of God's attributes found in the book of Exodus.



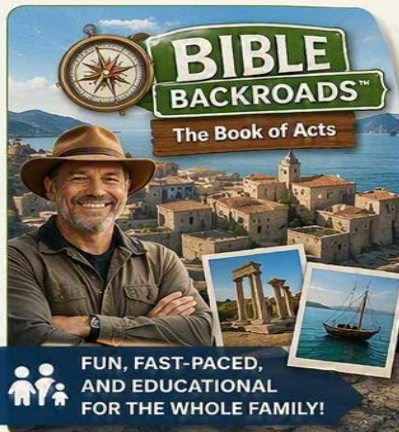
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**Matthew Dailey**, Interim Office Administrator

**Jessica Lund**, Bookkeeper

*Worship Plans*

**Sermon Series: *Spirit on the Move***

**(A study through Acts of the Apostles)**

**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**

**August 2: *When the Church Disagrees***

**Acts 15:1-21**

**UPCOMING MUSIC**

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

**July 26: Concert on the Corner**

**August 2: Bruce Benson & Matthew Dailey**

**Mission Statement:**

***We Welcome All to Love, Share, Serve and Grow in Christ.***



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