



GOD IS OUR REFUGE  
AND STRENGTH,  
AN EVER-PRESENT  
HELP IN TROUBLE

*Therefore we will not fear*

THOUGH THE EARTH GIVE WAY AND  
THE MOUNTAINS FALL INTO THE HEART OF THE SEA,  
THOUGH ITS WATERS ROAR AND FOAM AND  
THE MOUNTAINS QUAKE WITH THEIR SURGING.

PSALM 46:1-3

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

Psalm 46:1-3 (NRSVUE)

**Sunday, January 25, 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 *They'll Know We Are Christians* Memorial Handbell Choir

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

Avery M

*Come, all who are weary from the noise of the world.*

**We come seeking refuge in God.**

*Come, all who have known fear, burnout, or disappointment.*

**We come longing for rest and renewal.**

*The wind may roar, the ground may shake, the fires may burn,*

**But God is present in the gentle whisper.**

*Be still, and know that God is God.*

**We are here, O God. Speak, for we are listening.**

*The works of God are all around us.*

**God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.**

◆ HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Congregation

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Children's Praise*

Memorial Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Avery M

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46:1-10a(NRSVUE)

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

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

Faithful and searching God, we confess that we often run on empty. We keep going when we should rest, and we withdraw when we are called to stay present. We confess that fear has shaped our decisions, that cynicism has dulled our hope, and that we have mistaken noise for faithfulness and exhaustion for commitment.

Meet us not in judgment, but in mercy. Forgive us, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to make our faith visible in all circumstances. Speak to us in the stillness we avoid. Restore our souls, re-center our purpose, and lead us back to the work of love. Amen.

HYMN 575                    *LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US*                    Congregation  
*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

◆ HYMN 582 *GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME* Congregation

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

## MESSAGE *What Are You Doing Here?* Sermon Series Questions God Asks

HYMN 169 (vs 1, 4, 5)    *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*    Congregation

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

OFFERING Pastor Murray

## OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* Memorial Handbell Choir

◆ 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 question, “*What are you doing here?*”, meets us in our fear, weariness, and wandering. Even when we feel alone, discouraged, or ready to give up, God’s presence calls us into honesty and refreshes our souls. We confess that, like Elijah in the wilderness, we sometimes flee from our calling, hide from our responsibilities, and lose sight of the ways God is at work through us — yet no turning of ours can prevent God’s mercy from finding us and sustaining us.**  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, through whom grace flows abundantly. Where fear divides, Christ reconciles; where despair threatens, Christ brings hope and life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls us from isolation into community, from exhaustion into renewed purpose, and from brokenness into the work of new creation. Held by God’s steadfast presence and the Spirit’s strength, we commit to listen, to be honest about where we are, and to follow God’s gentle call into life, courage, and faithful witness. Amen.**

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Pastor Winslow

◆ HYMN 463 (vs 1-3)

*How Firm a Foundation*

Congregation

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

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

Trey McD

God is asking, “What are you doing here?”; what gentle invitation or nudge might God have hidden within that question for you?

The flowers today are in honor and celebration of Seth M's birthday in January.  
They are given with much love  
and many hugs from his family!

## Today's Service

|                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Director of Handbell Choirs | Karen A. Meersman                   |
| Music                       | Memorial Handbell Choir             |
| Special Music               | Trey McD                            |
| Liturgist                   | Avery M                             |
| Trustee                     | Don M                               |
| Ushers                      | Gary G, Kathy F, Diane C and Mary D |
| Cover Image                 | Pinterest                           |

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

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### Worship Plans

#### QUESTIONS GOD ASKS

*February 1: What Are You Looking For? John 1*

*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 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.**

