During this season of giving, your gift to Bread+Belonging will make a meaningful difference in the lives of students like Yvette.

When she transferred to the University of Colorado and moved to Boulder last January, Yvette was looking for a deeper connection to a church community. Faith was new for her, but she felt a strong draw to the Episcopal Church. After church her first Sunday at St. Aidan's, we invited Yvette to join the Bread+Belonging Tuesday student dinners. "I was really excited for more opportunities to participate in the community," she remembers, "because I never had a religious community growing up."

Yvette quickly settled into attending worship and Tuesday dinners, and the steady rhythms of communal life were a comforting and grounding balance to campus life. Within those weekly gatherings she remembers meaningful connections - lively conversations while washing dishes, celebrating the creativity shared at our Mardi Gras poetry night, and running into people she met at Bread+Belonging on campus. She particularly loves The Pause, our Wednesday evening contemplative worship service. "I can get bogged down in intellectualism and theology," Yvette reflects, "but The Pause was and is one of the most important things for me in my faith practice."

Being connected in multiple ways to our parish and student communities supported Yvette as she decided to prepare for baptism. We joyfully welcomed her into the Body of Christ at the Easter Vigil this spring! "I walk past this church on campus," she says with a smile, "and I know that this is my home."

Thank you for your partnership in sustaining a community that cares for students like Yvette. In this season of giving, we invite you to consider a gift of $25, $150, $500, or even $1000 or more to support our ministry on campus. Your generosity allows us to accompany students as they explore and deepen their faith, finding a place where they truly belong, thank you!

In gratitude,
The Rev. Monica Butler
Campus Chaplain