



first community

July 6, 2025
10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Glen

PRELUDE – Robert Griffith, organ

Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

CALL TO WORSHIP⁽¹⁾ - Seth

One: It's a beautiful day—not because
everything is perfect,

Many: but because God is here.

One: We have seen sorrow and still we sing.

**Many: We have walked through storms
and still we give thanks.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

Many: We rejoice and are glad in it!

One: Let us worship the God who meets us in
the everyday.

OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
one purpose I declare:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, all that see his face;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long,
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

WELCOME –Glen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – Seth

ANTHEM- Franklin Cory, piano

The Patriot's Song arr. John Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD'S PRAYER – John

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Seth

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Kiffy Kokal, tenor and Taylor

Devault, guitar

Beautiful Day U2

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of

Dedication⁽¹⁾ - Seth

ONE: As the gifts are presented, will all rise in
body or spirit?

**ALL: Generous God, you fill our lives with
gifts too often unnoticed—sunlight and
song, laughter and breath, community and
grace. With these offerings, we return just
a portion of all we've been given. Use them
to bring light, joy, and justice to a world
that longs for beauty. Amen.**

Doxology OLD 100TH

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.**

EPISTLE READING –Deacon

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known to God. And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. As for the
things that you have learned and received and
heard and noticed in me, do them, and the
God of peace will be with you.

SERMON – Glen

Beautiful Day

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Be Not Dismayed

**Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath God's wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

**God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – John

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving⁽¹⁾ – John

ONE: Gracious and Loving God,
On this beautiful day — made sacred by your
presence and your grace — we give you
thanks. For the bread that nourishes and the
cup that restores, for this table that welcomes
all, and for the reminder that your love is
always more than enough.

You meet us here — in brokenness and in
blessing — and send us out renewed. With

hearts wide open, help us to see the beauty in this world: in the ordinary, in the overlooked, in the faces of neighbor and stranger alike.

May we leave this table with gratitude that grounds us, and hope that lifts us. Even when the road ahead feels uncertain, remind us: it's a beautiful day — to live with love, to seek justice, to be your hands and feet in the world. In Christ's name, we pray.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

**I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.**

**I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.**

**I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.**

BENEDICTION – Glen

POSTLUDE – Robert, organ

Fanfare

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

1. *Inspired by U2's "Beautiful Day"*