



first community

October 11, 2026

Soli Deo Gloria

9 and 11 am NORTH

GREETING – Glen

PRELUDE – Orchestra

No. 1 Allegro from Water Music Suite, HWV 348

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Mary Kate

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

ALL: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's; we are God's people and the sheep of the Lord's pasture.

ALL: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

One: For the Lord is good;

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past #25 New Century
ST. ANNE verses 1-6*

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for
years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our
eternal home!**

**Creator God, creating still, by will and
word and deed,
Create a new humanity to meet the present
need.**

**Redeemer God redeeming still, with
overflowing grace,
Pour out your love on us, through us, make
this a holy place.**

**Sustainer God, sustaining still, with
strength for every day,
Empower us now to do your will. Correct
us when we stray.**

Great Triune God, for this new day we need

**your presence still.
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your
work and will.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for
years to come,
Be thou our guard while shall last, and our
eternal home!**

WELCOME –Glen

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – Sarah

ANTHEM – Orchestra/Choir

O Be Joyful in the Lord

John Rutter

GOSPEL LESSON – John

Matthew 5:13-16

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **15** People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket;

rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven.

ANTHEM – Choirs and Orchestra

Achieved Is The Glorious Work from The Creation

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Seth

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving – Mary Kate

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Choirs and Orchestra

Steal Away

Gwyneth Walker

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of

Dedication– Mary Kate

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

**ALL: Gracious God,
you call us to be salt for the earth and light
for the world. Receive these gifts as signs
of our desire to live that calling. Use what
we offer—and use us—to bring hope
where there is despair, kindness where
there is need, and light wherever darkness
remains. May all that we give and all that
we do reflect your love and bring glory to
you. Amen.**

**Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN - verse 1
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CONTEMPORARY READING ON BEING A LIGHT—John

*Words of Dolly Parton, adapted and arranged
from interviews*

**I believe there is a God spark in every one of
us.**

Every day, I ask God to let me do something,
say something,
be something
that matters to somebody else.

To make somebody feel good.
To let people see a spark of love.

God is love.

We are taught to love our neighbor as
ourselves.
I want to be loved,
and so I try to love everybody.

I try to find the God light in everybody.

The world is hard enough as it is.
We ought to help one another.
We ought to let people be who they are.
We ought to put more good into the world.

Faith is not only something we talk about.
We live it.
We live by example.
We teach by example.
We learn by example.

And when my life is finished,
I hope I will be remembered as somebody

who tried to do some good in this world
and left a few good things behind.

So while we are here,
let us look for the God light in one another.
And let us be a little light ourselves.

Anthem – Choirs and Orchestra

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton (1946-2026)/arr. Craig Hella
Johnson

HOMILY - Glen

"Look for the God Light"

CLOSING HYMN

*Arms Open Wide manuscript NEW CENTURY
verses 1-3*

**Arms opened wide to the needs of the
neighbor;
Eyes opened wide by the wonders of God's
will;
Daring to venture on pathways uncharted,
We move in faith that our God is speaking
still.**

**Doors opened wide as a bold sign of
welcome;**

**Minds opened wide to the meanings of
God's call:
"No longer alien or stranger or outcast-
My holy house is a house of prayer for all."**

**Hopes opened toward the light of the
future,
Hearts opened wide by the blessings of our
past,
We pledge our lives to God's promise
unfolding:
That love and justice shall fill the earth at
last!**

BENEDICTION – Glen

POSTLUDE – May Schwarz, organ

Toccata Brevis

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)