



first community

August 3, 2025

11 am NORTH

GREETING – John

PRELUDE – Taae Hamid, piano

Minuet in G Major, BWV 114

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP⁽¹⁾ – John

One: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Many: For God has dealt mercifully with us!

One: Even when we turned our backs on God,

Many: God forgave us and restored us to life.

One: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

Many: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

All My Hope on God Is Founded

**All my hope on God is founded,
who does still my trust renew.
Safe through change and chance God
guides me,
ever faithful, ever true.
God unknown,
God alone,
seeks to claim my heart as home.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**But in every time and season,
out of love's abundant store,
God sustains the whole creation
fount of life forevermore.
We who share
earth and air
count on God's unfailing care.**

WELCOME –John

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – John

ANTHEM- C. Anderew Blosser,
tenor

Thee Will I Love arr. Craig Courtney

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – John

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Glen

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – C. Andrew Blosser, tenor

My Jesus I Love Thee arr. Dan Forrest

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of

Dedication⁽²⁾ - Glen

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

**ALL: Holy and Gracious God, thank you for
our daily bread, and for so much more
which you provide. Thank you for this
opportunity to return a portion of what
we've been given. Open our eyes to see
your love made visible. Open our spirits to**

respond in love to the needs which surround us. May we clearly see Christ in every person we encounter and respond to each one in love, remembering all are made in your image. 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deacon

Hosea 11: 1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities;
it consumes their oracle priests
and devours because of their schemes.
⁷My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim,
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

SERMON – Glen

Empty Hands Held Open

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! still today,
walking with me on the way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.**

Refrain:

Yes! Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Glen

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving⁽¹⁾ – Glen

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's Sun!**

**Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

BENEDICTION – Glen

POSTLUDE – Taae, organ

Lift Thine Eyes

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)/arr. Ernest A.
Dicks

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2 Adapted from The Center for Faith and Giving