



first community

August 3, 2025

10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Seth

PRELUDE – Robert Griffith, organ

A Morning Contemplation

Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

CALL TO WORSHIP⁽¹⁾ – Mary Kate

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 –Glen

BAPTISM – Mary Kate

Margaret “Margot” Jane Molitor

ALL: We affirm that this community of faith is filled with love for Margot. Our homes are her homes; our resources are her resources. Together we covenant to walk beside Margot, to teach her to accept God’s grace for herself, and to show her the many faces of God. We pray that together we will fulfill our commitment to Margot and to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – Mary Kate

ANTHEM- Summer Choir

O How I Love Jesus arr. Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER – Seth

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Mary Kate

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Summer Choir
The Kingdom Andre Thomas

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of
Dedication⁽²⁾ - Mary Kate

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.
⁶ The sword rages in their cities;
 it consumes their oracle priests
 and devours because of their schemes.
⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
 To the Most High they call,
 but he does not raise them up at all.
⁸ How 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.
⁹ I 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 – Seth

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving⁽¹⁾ – Seth

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 – Mary Kate

POSTLUDE – Robert, organ
Trumpet Air and Interlude Stanley Vann

1 Ministry Matters, August 3, 2025

2 Adapted from The Center for Faith and Giving