



first community

September 14, 2025

10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Seth

PRELUDE – Robert Griffith, organ

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP⁽¹⁾ – Mary Kate

One: Do not remember the former things or
consider the things of old.

**Many: I am about to do a new thing, says
our God.**

One: Now it springs forth-do you not perceive
it?

**Many: I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.**

One: For I will give drink to my chosen people,

**All: the people I formed for myself so that
they might declare my praise!**

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we
praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in
might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring
above,
your clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.**

**Your life is life-giving - to both great and
small;
in all life you're living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as
flowers,
then wither and perish - but naught dims
your powers.**

**So perfect your glory, so brilliant your
light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their
sight;
All praise we now render as your angels
do:
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.**

WELCOME –Glen

- Intro Vision Video
- Show Vision Video
- Proceed with Welcome, QR code, etc.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – Seth

ANTHEM- Scott King-Owen

TBD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER – Mary Kate

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Vision—Seth

- Intro video with Carlson family
- Invitation to vision - a sample: Friends,
today’s scripture reminds us that when

the foundation is strong, lives can rest, grow, and serve. Our shared vision this fall is this simple: finish 2025 strong so we step into the New Year debt-lighter and mission-ready-able to deepen worship and care, invest in our children and students, sustain our ministries, and move faithfully into what's next."

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Cambridge Choir

Come Thou Fount arr. Craig Courtney

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of

Dedication⁽²⁾ - Seth

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

ALL: Holy One of Blessing, From generation to generation you have been a source of grace, goodness, love and mercy. Our hearts are filled with joy when we see the way your blessings are spread throughout the earth. Invite us to take the small seeds we bring—our time, our gifts, our hearts—and grow in us a big vision of love. Make us debt-lighter and mission-ready, for the sake of our neighbors, near and far. In this season of sharing, move us from fear to faith so that we may see the beauty of the

future you have set before us. Like the old prophet Isaiah, open our eyes so we are able to see the new thing you are doing in our mission and ministry at First Community. 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!**

GOSPEL LESSON—Deacon

Matthew 7:24–27

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

SERMON – Glen

“A Foundation that Holds”

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Steal Away to Jesus

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home.

I ain't got long to stay here.

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Seth

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Seth

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.**

**We are yours, in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,**

**seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.**

BENEDICTION – Mary Kate

POSTLUDE – Robert, organ

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

1 Adapted from Faith and worship.com

2 Adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1*, p. 174