



first community

October 26, 2025

10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Seth

PRELUDE – Robert, organ

Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando

Gibbons

Healey Willan (1890-1986)

CALL TO WORSHIP⁽¹⁾ – Mary Kate

One: We come not to declare our goodness—

All: But to confess our need for grace.

One: We come not with pride, but with open hearts—

All: For God's mercy is greater than our failures.

One: The humble will find welcome here.

All: Let us worship the God who forgives and renews.

OPENING HYMN

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

**We sing your mighty power, O God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at your command,
and all the stars obey.**

**We sing your goodness, sovereign God,
who filled the earth with food;
you formed the creatures with your word,
and then pronounced them good.
Oh! how your wonders are displayed
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread,
or gaze upon the skies.**

**There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,**

**and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.**

WELCOME – Mary Kate

CHILDREN’S MOMENT – Seth

ANTHEM- Elizabeth Arteta

Cunningham, soprano

How Great Thou Art

arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD’S PRAYER – Seth**

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Vision – Mary Kate

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Cambridge Choir

I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003))

**Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of
Dedication⁽¹⁾- Mary Kate**

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

ALL: Holy One, you lift up the lowly and call each of us beloved. Receive these gifts as signs of our love and trust in you. Use them to bring justice where there is need, compassion where there is hurt, and joy where there is despair. As we give, shape our hearts to mirror your own—humble, generous, and full of grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, who transforms us by love. 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

Luke 18:9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I

thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

SERMON – Glen

Two Stories, Two Sermons, and (at least) A
Million Points : Part 2

HYMN OF PREPARATION

My Jesus, I Love Thee

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Mary Kate
Receiving Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving – Mary Kate

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

**Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

BENEDICTION – Seth

POSTLUDE – Robert, organ

Te Deum Laudamus

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)