first community

November 1, 2026
10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Seth

PRELUDE – Robert

Gaudeamus (Improvisation on a Gregorian Theme for All Saints' Day)
Everett Titcomb (1884-1962)

CALL TO WORSHIP [1] - Seth

Leader: We gather today surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses —those whose faith shaped us, whose love still lives in us.

People: We remember the saints who have gone before us, their courage, compassion, and quiet strength.

Leader: Some are known to the world; others are known only to us and to God.

People: Each has left a mark of grace upon our hearts.

Leader: As we worship, we give thanks for their lives and for the promise that love never ends.

All: With gratitude for all the saints, we lift our voices and our hearts to the God who gathers us — across time, across place, and across eternity.

OPENING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #42 New Century AZMON verses 1-4

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.

WELCOME – Seth

CHILDREN'S MOMENT –Seth

ANTHEM – Children's Choir

Love Round Traditional/arr. Nancy Gifford

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND NAMING OF SAINTS(2) – Seth

ONE: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: Author of all mercy, we give you thanks for your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We praise you especially for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for hope in the ultimate reign of peace.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: For those who wield earthly power, for those who lead and those who follow, that they may be moved by the image of your people, disciples of Jesus, children of God, diverse and sometimes in disagreement but living together in harmony, a vision of the common good to which all nations might aspire.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: For those persecuted for the sake of righteousness and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
ONE: For all who are in need: for those who are in prison, those awaiting trial, those facing surgery, all who lack medical help, those who have no work, those who work for too little pay, the homeless, and the ill.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: We give you thanks for those who have gone before us, whose lives have shown us your truth, and whose witness brought us and kept us in this community of faith…

Aaron Ackerman
Carol Alfred
Nancy Ballinger
Rev. Martin Berisford
Marjorie Bohl
Chari Boyer
John Clark
Betty Decker
Dorothy Deems
Martha Fawcett
Ruth Gonser
Ann Graham
Gene Hagemeier
Rick Irwin
Alan Jameson
Marie Jerencsik
Joan King
Marilyn Lash
George Norris
Annabelle Ogden
Helen Randels
Ann Rarey
Dean Reinhard
Janet Rhoades
Linda Ritter
Stephen Salay
Elaine N. Smith
Sarah Smith
Paul Thompson
Mardell Willit
George Wilson
Rev. Thomas Wilson
Dick Wood Sr.

ONE: We trust in your never-failing love, O Lord, joining your holy ones before the throne and the Lamb.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

SUNG RESPONSE: *Kriewald Kyrie*

Choir: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Choir: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

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OFFERTORY

- Invitation to Giving – Seth
- Anthem – Heath Barron, tenor and Cambridge Choir
  Come Home Craig Courtney
- Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication[3] – Seth

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

ALL: God of all generations, we give thanks for the saints who showed us your light. Their generosity built this church, their prayers sustained your people, and their faith revealed your steadfast love. Now we offer our gifts in gratitude and hope. Bless them to continue their good work- bringing compassion, welcome, and peace to the world. By your Spirit, make us faithful stewards of their legacy, until we join all your saints in eternal joy.
Amen.

Doxology - *Doxology for Humanity* OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

BAPTISM – Mary Kate

Leah Hayley Karl

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE
ALL: We affirm that this community of faith is filled with love for Leah. Our homes are her homes; our resources are her resources. Together we covenant to walk beside Leah, 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 Leah and to God.

GOSPEL LESSON- Deacon

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will
be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit
the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will
see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will
be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

SERMON – Mary Kate

"Blessed are: the (extra)ordinary bits and bobs"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face
#336 New Century MORECAMBE
verses 3-4

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread anew;
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour together here with you.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.
This joyful feast confirms that you are here,
now and forever, as our shield and sun.

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Seth
Receiving Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving – Seth

CLOSING HYMN

For All the Saints #299 New Century
SINE NOMINE verses 1, 3-5

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith

confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old.
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION– Seth

POSTLUDE – Robert

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Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)