



first community

April 12, 2026

11 am NORTH

GREETING – John

PRELUDE – May

*Prelude in C Major, BWV 553* Johann Sebastian  
Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>(1)</sup> - John

Where should we serve God?

**In our homes and schools and businesses.  
Here and around the globe.**

How should we serve God?

**By bringing peace where there is violence,  
comfort where there is pain, and love  
where there is hate.**

Why should we serve God?

**Because Jesus calls us and the Spirit  
beckons us. Because we are God's hands  
and feet.**

Let us give thanks for this world and each  
other.

**Let us worship God!**

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain ST. KEVIN  
(#230 New Century) - verses 1-4*

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain of  
triumphant gladness; God has brought all  
Israel into joy from sadness; Loosed from  
Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and  
daughters; Led them with unmoistened  
foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**Spring has dawned on earth today; Christ  
has burst from prison, And from three  
days' sleep in death as the sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins, long and gray, is  
flying From the Light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.**

**Now the joyous season, bright with the day  
of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joys to render; Comes to glad  
Jerusalem who with true affection**

**Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus'  
resurrection.**

**Neither might the gates of death, nor the  
tomb's dim portal, Nor the watchers, nor  
the seal hold you as a mortal: But today  
amid the twelve you will stand, bestowing  
Peace and joy which evermore passes  
human knowing.**

**WELCOME – John**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT – John**

**ANTHEM – Chancel Choir**

*Halle, halle, halle* Traditional Caribbean  
Tune/arr. Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE  
LORD'S PRAYER – John**

**MEXICO STORIES**

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

**OFFERTORY**

Invitation to Giving – Will Bertke

## Receiving the People's Gifts

Organ Offertory -May

*Andante from Sonata No 3 in A Major*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of  
Dedication<sup>(2)</sup> - John

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

**ALL: Loving God, we thank you for these  
gifts and our ability to give them. Help us  
transform our offerings into justice and  
peace, food and shelter, love and hope for  
our neighbors near and far. Amen.**

Doxology

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!  
Let all on earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death  
and given life eternal breath.**

## WISDOM TEXT- Deacon

Job 14:7-9: "Indeed, there is hope for a tree. If  
it is cut down and still sprouting and its  
shoots don't fail, if its roots age in the ground  
and its stump dies in the dust, at the scent of  
water, it will bud and produce sprouts like a  
new plant." (Common English Bible)

## SERMON – Sarah

“Roots and Roofs”

## MEXICO VIDEO

## CLOSING HYMN

*Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! JUDAS  
MACCABEUS (#253 New Century) - verses 1  
and 2*

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!**

**Endless is the victory**

**you o'er death have won.**

**Angels clothed in radiance**

**rolled the stone away;**

**conquered is the grave**

**in which your body lay.**

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!**

**Endless is the victory**

**you o'er death have won.**

**See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared;**

**do not doubt at all for**

**nothing you will fear.**

**Let the church with gladness**

**hymns of triumph sing;**

**tell it without ceasing:**

**death has lost its sting.**

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!**

**Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

BENEDICTION– Sarah

POSTLUDE – May

*Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on Nettleton*

David Lasky (b.1957)