



May 17, 2026
10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Mary Kate

PRELUDE – Robert, organ

Cantilena

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

CALL TO WORSHIP - Seth

One: Blessed are those who delight in the way
of God—

**Many: We come seeking to be rooted in
love and grace.**

One: Like trees planted by streams of water,

**Many: We long to grow strong in faith and
bear good fruit.**

One: Even when life feels cut down or
uncertain,

**Many: God promises new shoots, new life,
new beginnings.**

One: At the growing edge, where faith
stretches and hope deepens,

**Many: We trust that God is not finished
with us yet.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who
nurtures all life.

**All: We gather to grow, to be renewed, and
to follow where God leads.**

OPENING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION (#407
New Century) - verses 1-5*

**How firm a foundation for you has been
laid,
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!
What more can God say than to you has
been said,
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not
dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you
aid;**

**I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you
to stand
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway
shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your
supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have
designed
your soul to make pure just as gold is
refined."**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for
repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor
to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

WELCOME – Seth

CHILDREN'S MOMENT –Mary Kate

PSALTER READING – Seth

Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked

or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

ANTHEM- Cambridge Choir

Christ's Love Compels Us David Schwoebel

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Mary Kate

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Seth

Receiving the People's Gifts

ANTHEM –Cambridge Choir

Ave Verum Corpus Karl Jenkins

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication
- Seth

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

ALL: Gracious God, you bring new life where we least expect it. Receive these gifts and all that we are, and use them for your purposes of love and justice in the world. Stretch us at the growing edge of our faith, and guide us in the way of Christ. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

Doxology

Adoring praises now we bring, and with the heavenly blessed sing, "Christ hath triumphed, alleluia!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here, "Christ has triumphed, Christ is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Glen

Dan Johnston

Norma Johnston

Karen Leidel

Deborah Merz

OLD TESTAMENT READING –

Deacon

Job 14:7-9

“For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again

and that its shoots will not cease.
8 Though its root grows old in the earth
and its stump dies in the ground,
9 yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant.

INTRODUCTION OF REV. OWENS – Glen

SERMON – Rev. Terri Hord Owens
"The Growing Edge"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*As We Gather at Your Table BEACH SPRING
(#332 New Century) - verse 1*

**As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Mary Kate

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Mary Kate

HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL (#233
Chalice) - verses 1-3

**Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!
Yours the scepter, yours the throne!
Alleluia! Yours the triumph,
yours the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of every nation
you've redeemed us by your blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! You are near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received you,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget your promise,
"I am with you evermore."**

**Alleluia! Bread of angels,
you on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
and the songs that sound in heaven
will repeat your gracious plea.**

BENEDICTION– Seth

POSTLUDE – Robert

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 55

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)