



first community

June 14, 2026

11 am NORTH

GREETING – John

PRELUDE – Tracy Qian, organ

*Organ Sonata No.4, Mov I. Allegro con  
brio* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP - John

Leader: God is love, and those who abide in  
love abide in God.

**People: We gather in the presence of  
perfect love.**

Leader: Fear can build walls between us.

**People: God's love breaks down every  
barrier.**

Leader: Fear can freeze our hearts.

**People: God's grace thaws what has grown cold.**

Leader: Fear can keep us from living fully.

**People: God's love sets us free.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose love never fails.

**People: We open our hearts to the power of divine love.**

## OPENING HYMN

*God Is Love ABBOT'S LEIGH (#70 New Century [tune]/#364 NEH [text]) - verses 1 and 2*

**God is Love: let heav'n adore God;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before God,  
And exalt God with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and God enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp God holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking**

**Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.**

**WELCOME – John**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT –John**

**ANTHEM-** David Hydorn, tenor  
*Abide with Me* arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

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

**OFFERTORY**

Invitation to Giving—Glen

Receiving the People's Gifts

**ANTHEM – David Hydorn, tenor**  
*The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication  
- Glen

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

**ALL: Loving God, your perfect love casts out fear and invites us into freedom. Bless these gifts and all that we offer today. May they become instruments of compassion, courage, and hope in the world. Teach us to live generously because we are deeply loved by you. Amen.**

Doxology – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

## **EPISTLE LESSON- Deacon**

1 John 4:16b-21

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister

are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## SERMON –Glen

### *Hope Is a Dangerous Thing*

Part 2: “Frozen”

## HYMN

Jesus Loves Me JESUS LOVES ME (#327 New Century) - verses 1-3

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Refrain:**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]**

**Jesus loves me! Still today,**

**walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. [Refrain]**

**BENEDICTION– Glen**

**POSTLUDE – Tracy Qian, organ**

*Postlude on “O Zion, Haste”*

James Walch (1837-1901)