



June 21, 2026
10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Mary Kate

PRELUDE – Robert, organ

Prelude on the Hymn Tune "Abridge"
Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL TO WORSHIP -Seth

Leader: We are called to be imitators of God.

People: We gather to learn the way of love.

Leader: God invites us to release bitterness
and anger.

**People: We seek hearts marked by
kindness and grace.**

Leader: God reminds us that every person is
worthy of compassion.

People: We celebrate the sacred connections that bind us together.

Leader: In a world often divided by fear and suspicion,

People: We choose friendship, understanding, and love.

Leader: Let us worship God, who calls us to reflect divine goodness.

People: We come ready to grow in love.

OPENING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS (#393 New Century) - verses 1-3

**Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of a common life
is like to that above.**

**Before our God we come
and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows**

a sympathizing tear.

WELCOME – Mary Kate

BAPTISM – Mary Kate

Brooks William Davis and Wells Philip Davis

ALL: We affirm that this community of faith is filled with love for Brooks and Wells.

Our homes are their homes; our resources are their resources. Together we covenant to walk beside Brooks and Wells, to teach them to accept God's grace for themselves, and to show them the many faces of God.

We pray that together we will fulfill our commitment to Brooks and Wells and to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT –Seth

ANTHEM- Amy Johnston Blosser,
soprano

Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD'S PRAYER – Mary Kate

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Seth

Receiving the People's Gifts

ANTHEM – Amy Johnston Blosser, soprano

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

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 have shown us kindness beyond measure. Receive these gifts and use them to strengthen communities, heal divisions, and remind all people that they belong. May our generosity reflect your boundless love and compassion. 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!

**PASTORAL TRANSITION
UPDATES – Glen and Jen**

EPISTLE LESSON - Deacon

Ephesians 4:31 - 5:1

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,

SERMON –Glen

Hope Is a Dangerous Thing

Part 3: “E.T.”

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 – Seth

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Seth

HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

ST. BRENDAN'S (#494 Chalice) - verses 1-3

**We are one in the spirit, we are one in the
Lord;**

**We are one in the spirit, we are one in the
Lord.**

**And we pray that all unity will one day be
restored.**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our
love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our
love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk
hand in hand.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk
hand in hand.**

**And together we'll spread the news that
God is in our land.**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our
love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our
love.**

**We will work with each other, we will
work side by side.**

**We will work with each other, we will
work side by side.**

**And we'll guard each one's dignity and
save each one's pride.**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our
love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our
love.**

BENEDICTION– Mary Kate

POSTLUDE – Robert

Cortège Louis Vierne (1870-1937)