



first community

August 23, 2026

11 am NORTH

GREETING - Glen

PRELUDE – Tracy Qian, organist

Präludium in F Major, H242

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP - John

One: We come to worship not simply to watch, but to take part in what God is doing.

Many: We are one body, with many members and many gifts.

One: Each of us has something to offer—our time, our talents, our compassion, our service.

Many: Together, we are the Body of Christ.

One: Let us bring our whole selves to God and use our gifts for the good of all.

Many: Let us worship God and live our faith together.

OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

#18 New Century CWM RHONDDA, verses 1-3

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

**When I reach the River Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises**

**I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.**

WELCOME – Glen

**A MOMENT FOR THE WOMEN'S
GUILD - Sue Secord**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT– John

BAPTISM - Glen
Kathryn “Kate” Harte Curphey

**ANTHEM- Alyssa Schott Ahlborn,
soprano**
Thee Will I Love
Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

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

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Glen

Receiving the People's Gifts

ANTHEM – Alyssa Schott Ahlborn, soprano
Consecration
John Ness Beck (1930-1987)/arr. Craig
Courtney

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication
- Glen

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

**All: Gracious God, you have given each of
us gifts to share and a place in your work.
Receive these offerings and receive us, too.
Use all that we give—our resources, our
time, our talents, and our lives—to
strengthen the Body of Christ and bring
your love to the world. 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
Romans 12:1-8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

SERMON – Mary Kate

The Body of Christ Is Not a Spectator Sport

HYMN

*Take My Life #609 Chalice HENDON verses
1, 5, 6*

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

BENEDICTION– Mary Kate

POSTLUDE – Tracy Qian, organist

Sheep May Safely Graze, BWV 208

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)