



first community

September 13, 2026

10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Seth

PRELUDE – Robert, organ

Choral, Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

CALL TO WORSHIP - Mary Kate

One: When the way is uncertain and the answers are not easy,

Many: God meets us with wisdom for the journey.

One: When trials test our faith and challenge our courage,

Many: God calls us to persevere with hope.

One: When we do not know which way to turn,

Many: We will ask, seek, listen, and trust.

One: Come, let us open our hearts to the wisdom of God.

Many: Come, let us worship together.

OPENING HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory #464 Chalice
CWM RHONDDA verses 1, 4, and 5*

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places;
fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces
pledges to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail our call from thee,
lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation

**be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

WELCOME – Seth

CHILDREN’S MOMENT– Mary Kate

ANTHEM- Cambridge Choir

God is There

Sally R. Beske (1958-2023)

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD’S PRAYER – Mary Kate**

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Seth

Receiving the People's Gifts

ANTHEM – Cambridge Choir

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication
- Seth

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

All: Gracious God, thank you for meeting us in every season of life. Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope, compassion, and love to our community and world. Guide us with your wisdom as we seek to serve you and one another. 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

James 1:2-5

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

SERMON – Glen

Grant Us Wisdom

Part 1: “The Beginning of Wisdom”

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Where Charity and Love Prevail #396

New Century CHRISTIAN LOVE verse 1

**Where charity and love prevail
there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
by love are we thus bound.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Seth

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Seth

HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other #388

New Century AURELIA verses 1-3

**Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.**

**Be present, God, among us,
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance,
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.**

BENEDICTION– Mary Kate

POSTLUDE – Robert

Chaconne

Louis Couperin (c. 1626-1661)