



first community

October 4, 2026

10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Seth

PRELUDE – Scott King-Owen,
piano

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP – Mary Kate

Leader: When the night has been long and
our nets have come up empty, Christ meets us
at the water's edge.

People: God meets us in our
disappointment and calls us to try again.

Leader: When we carry regrets from
yesterday, Christ offers grace for today.

People: God gives us second chances and
calls us forward in love.

Leader: Come to the table. Come to the shore.
Come as you are.

All: We come to worship the God who
restores us, renews us, and calls us again.

OPENING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation #386 New
Century AURELIA verses 1-4*

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ
our Lord;
we are Christ's new creation by water and
the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in
love to set us free;
with precious blood Christ bought us for
all eternity.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the
earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one
faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food
we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in
work and prayer.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our
war,**

**we wait the consummation of peace
forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing
eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be
the church at rest.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the
Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those
whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace
that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live
eternally.**

WELCOME – Seth

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT – Mary
Kate**

ANTHEM- Whitechapel Ringers
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
arr. Michael R. Keller

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

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving – Mary Kate

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Whitechapel Ringers

Abbot's Leigh (God Is Here)

arr. Lee J. Afdahl

**Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of
Dedication – Mary Kate**

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

**ALL: Gracious God, you meet us with
abundance and invite us to share what we
have. Receive these gifts and use them to
feed, serve, and care for your people. May
our generosity reflect the grace you so
freely give and help bring new possibilities
to life. Amen.**

Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN - verse 1

**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!**

GOSPEL–Deacon

John 21:15-19

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” **16** A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” **17** He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” **19** (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

SERMON – John

“Balloons, Boats, and Second Chances”

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*I Come with Joy #420 Chalice DOVE OF PEACE
verses 1-2*

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Mary Kate

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Mary Kate

CLOSING HYMN

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #42 New
Century AZMON verses 1-4*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing**

the triumphs of God's grace!

**My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!**

**Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.**

BENEDICTION – Seth

**POSTLUDE – Scott King-Owen,
piano**

In Christ There is No East or West
arr. Scott King-Owen