



first community

October 4, 2026

11 am NORTH

GREETING – Glen

PRELUDE – May, organ

*Trumpet Tune ("Blow up the trumpet in the
new moon" Psalm 28) D*

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Sarah

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 –Glen

ANTHEM – Chancel Choir

Hear My Prayer Richard Ewer

**4TH GRADE COMMUNION and
COMMUNION**

Invitation to Communion – Sarah

Words of Institution – Sarah and Glen

Invite 4th Graders - Julie

Hymn and Receiving Communion (4th grade comes forward, Julie and Glen serve each child individually, hymn is sung while children are served)

Come My Children

Choir:

I will bless the Lord at all times.
God's praise shall be ever on my lips.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Refrain (ALL):

**Come, come, my children, I will teach you
how great is the Lord.**

Choir:

Glorify the Lord with me.
Let us together praise God's name.
In my need God has answered me,
Delivering me from all my fears. **(Refrain)**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Happy are they who take refuge in God,
Nothing shall they want. **(Refrain)**

(THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO COME FORWARD AFTER THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SERVED.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving– Sarah

(Sarah – release children to Sunday School)

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD’S PRAYER – Glen**

OFFERTORY -

Invitation to Giving - Sarah

Receiving the People's Gifts

Anthem – Chancel Choir
Heleluyan arr. Jerry Ulrich

**Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of
Dedication -Sarah**

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”

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 – John

POSTLUDE – May, organ
Festival Voluntary on "Lancashire"
David Lasky (b. 1957)