first community

November 22, 2026
10 am SOUTH

GREETING – Glen

PRELUDE – Robert

Thanks Be to God
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

CALL TO WORSHIP - Seth

Leader: When the world feels uncertain and the way forward is unclear, God comes looking for us.

People: God seeks the lost, gathers the scattered, and brings us home.

Leader: When we are weary, wounded, or struggling to find our way, God does not turn away.

People: God binds up the injured, strengthens the weak, and offers us rest.

Leader: And when injustice divides us and the vulnerable are forgotten, God promises to make things right.

People: God calls us to lives of compassion, justice, and love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who knows us, loves us, and never stops seeking us.

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell #7 New Century OLD 100TH

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God, indeed,
who fashions us without our aid,
Who claims us, gives us all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

WELCOME – Glen

BAPTISM -Mary Kate

Nolan Eugene Williams

ALL: We affirm that this community of faith is filled with love for Nolan. Our homes are his homes; our resources are his resources. Together we covenant to walk beside Nolan, to teach him to accept God's grace for himself, and to show him the many faces of God. We pray that together we will fulfill our commitment to Nolan and to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT –Mary Kate

ANTHEM – Cambridge Choir

Gentle Shepherd
Deborah Dressie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Seth

OFFERTORY

- Invitation to Giving – Glen
- Anthem –Cambridge Choir and Robert Griffith, organ
  Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
  Dale Wood
- Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication - Glen

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

ALL: Loving God, you seek us when we wander, lift us when we fall, and surround us with your love. Bless these gifts and use them to feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and welcome those who feel forgotten. May our generosity reflect your compassion and help build a world where all people know they belong. Amen.

Doxology - *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 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!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON-
Deacon

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will
search for my sheep and will sort them out.
12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when
they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort
out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a
day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries and bring them into
their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and
in all the inhabited parts of the land. **14** I will
feed them with good pasture, and the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their
pasture; there they shall lie down in good
grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will
make them lie down, says the Lord God. **16** I
will seek the lost, and I will bring back the
strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the
strong I will destroy. I will feed them with
justice.

SERMON – Sarah

Thus Says the Lord, "I'll Do It Myself!!!"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

As We Gather at Your Table #332 New Century
BEACH SPRING verse 3

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Seth
Receiving Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving – Seth

CLOSING HYMN

Come, O Thankful People, Come #422 New Century ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR verses 1-3

Come, O thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in

as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all blessing flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

BENEDICTION– Mary Kate

POSTLUDE – Robert

Chorale-Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"
Sigfird Karg-Elert (1877-1933)