



first community

August 3, 2025

9 am NORTH

GREETING – Janelle

SONGS – Common Grace

For the Beauty of the Earth

How Good It Is

WELCOME – Glen

PRAYER SONG – Common Grace

As We Gather Draw Us Nearer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER- John

INVITATION TO GIVING - Glen

OFFERTORY –Common Grace

If the Morning Never Comes

PRAYER OF THANKS – John

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deacon

Hosea 11: 1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities;
it consumes their oracle priests
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim,
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

SERMON – Glen

Empty Hands Held Open

INVITATION TO COMMUNION– John

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - John

CLOSING SONG – Common Grace *Reprise As We Gather*

CLOSING WORDS – John