first community

November 1, 2026
9 am NORTH

GREETING – Glen

SONGS - Common Grace

Down to the River

All Creatures of Our God and King

WELCOME – Glen

PRAYER SONG- Common Grace

River of Grace

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND NAMING OF SAINTS(2) – Sarah and Glen

ONE: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: Author of all mercy, we give you thanks for your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We praise you especially for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for hope in the ultimate reign of peace.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: For those who wield earthly power, for those who lead and those who follow, that they may be moved by the image of your people, disciples of Jesus, children of God, diverse and sometimes in disagreement but living together in harmony, a vision of the common good to which all nations might aspire.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: For those persecuted for the sake of righteousness and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
ONE: For all who are in need: for those who are in prison, those awaiting trial, those facing

surgery, all who lack medical help, those who have no work, those who work for too little pay, the homeless, and the ill.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: We give you thanks for those who have gone before us, whose lives have shown us your truth, and whose witness brought us and kept us in this community of faith…

Aaron Ackerman
Carol Alfred
Nancy Ballinger
Rev. Martin Berisford
Marjorie Bohl
Chari Boyer
John Clark
Betty Decker
Dorothy Deems
Martha Fawcett
Ruth Gonser
Ann Graham
Gene Hagemeier
Rick Irwin
Alan Jameson
Marie Jerencsik
Joan King
Marilyn Lash
George Norris
Annabelle Ogden
Helen Randels
Ann Rarey
Dean Reinhard
Janet Rhoades
Linda Ritter
Stephen Salay
Elaine N. Smith
Sarah Smith
Paul Thompson
Mardell Willit
George Wilson
Rev. Thomas Wilson
Dick Wood Sr.

ONE: We trust in your never-failing love, O Lord, joining your holy ones before the throne and the Lamb.

ALL: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

INVITATION TO GIVING - Sarah

OFFERTORY – Common Grace

Nothing More

PRAYER OF THANKS – Sarah

GOSPEL LESSON- Deacon

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will
see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will
be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

SERMON – Mary Kate

"Blessed are: the (extra)ordinary bits and bobs"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – Glen

SERVING COMMUNION
PRAYER OF THANKS – Glen

CLOSING SONG – Common Grace
O for a Thousand Tongues

CLOSING WORDS – Glen