



first community

July 5, 2026
9 am NORTH

GREETING – Janelle

SONGS – Common Grace

Joy of the Lord

Holy Forever

WELCOME – Glen

PRAYER SONG – Common Grace

Instrument of Peace

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD'S PRAYER – Glen

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—John

Receiving the People's Gifts

OFFERTORY– Common Grace
God Is Good

Prayer of Thanks - John

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – John

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – John

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Deacon

Exodus 6: 1-7

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.”

² God also spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the Lord. ³ I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name ‘The Lord’ I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵ I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the Israelites: I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and

with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians.

HISTORICAL READING – John

The Gettysburg Address - Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

Intro: This is a reading of the Gettysburg Address, delivered by President Abraham Lincoln at the dedication of the national cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 19th, 1863.

Lincoln's speech is a clear call for the birth of a new freedom and the ongoing work of democracy. It is a proclamation that continues to resonate across our land and invites us to embrace the responsibilities that come with freedom itself.

READING: Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those

who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

SERMON –Glen

A New Birth of Freedom

CLOSING SONG – Common Grace

O Beautiful For Spacious Skies

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed full grace on thee,
and crown thy good with servanthood
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

CLOSING WORDS – Glen