



first community

May 10, 2026

10 am SOUTH

GREETING

PRELUDE

Adagio (Symphonie V)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved people of God, we gather as children of the Holy One.

Many: We belong to the One who created us in love.

One: No one is outside the reach of God's mercy.

Many: No one is beyond the embrace of God's grace.

One: We come from many places and many stories.

All: Yet we are one family in Christ.

One: Come and remember whose you are. We are God's beloved, called to worship with joy and gratitude.

OPENING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
(#517 Chalice [text]/#125 Chalice [tune]) -
verses 1-3*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away the love of sinning,
alpha and omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Lullabye Medley arr. Vickie Murphy

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving

Receiving the People's Gifts

ANTHEM

Love Is What We Need Roderick Giles

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

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

All: Loving God, we give thanks that we are your children, formed in love and called to serve. Receive these gifts we offer and multiply them for the good of your people. May they bring comfort to those in pain, justice to those burdened by oppression, and welcome to those seeking home. Shape us into generous disciples, that through our living and our giving all may know they belong in your family of grace. Amen.

Doxology

Adoring praises now we bring, and with the heavenly blessed sing, "Christ hath triumphed, alleluia!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here, "Christ has triumphed, Christ is

living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, is the one who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is this God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God's very self gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor God made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for God and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because God has fixed a day on which God will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

SERMON

What We Talk About When We Talk about God
Part 2: "We Are God's Offspring"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*I Need Thee Every Hour NEED (#517 Chalice) -
verse 1*

**I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.
[Refrain:]
I need thee, oh, I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN

Loving Spirit OMNI DIE (#244 Chalice) -
verses 1-3

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be --
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

