



May 3, 2026

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Remembering our Baptism

Mary Freese

***Call to Worship**

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts,
Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust,
Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges,
Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ,
our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn The Church's One Foundation (V 1, 3, 5) UMH 545**

***Hymn Be Still My Soul UMH 534**

First Lesson John 14:1-14 CEB

“Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I’m going.”

Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater

works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

Word for Children

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:1-12

CEB

Message for the Lord's Day

Reverend Deborah Coble

***Response to the Word**

Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

***Hymn**

I'll Fly Away

TFWS 2282

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.

After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come from and those who are seeking shelter...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,
and mission...

for the communion of saints...

for peace and goodwill to all...

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

*** Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God: We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came not to condemn us, but to love us and save us and show us the way. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's table is open to all people who love God and repent of their sins.

When invited, come forward to receive Communion by intinction. You will be given a piece of bread and then invited to dip the bread into the cup and partake.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.**

***Hymn God Be with You Til We Meet Again UMH 672**