



**May 10, 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: Acabella Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley  
(Featuring Guest Vocalist Alison Hanson)**

**Remembering our Baptism Brenda Conry**

**\*Call to Worship**

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.**

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.**

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

**God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.**

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee UMH 89**

**\*Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH 348**

**First Lesson John 14:15-21 CEB**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

"I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

**Word for Children**

**Second Lesson Acts 17:16-33 CEB**

While Paul waited for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to find that the city was flooded with idols. He began to interact with the Jews and Gentile God-worshippers in the synagogue. He also addressed whoever happened to be in the marketplace each day. Certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers engaged him in discussion too. Some said, "What an amateur! What's he trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods." (They said this because he was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) They took him into custody and brought him to the council on Mars Hill. "What is this new teaching? Can we learn what you are talking about? You've told us some strange things and we want to know what they mean." (They said this because all Athenians as well as the foreigners who live in Athens used to spend their time doing nothing but talking about or listening to the newest thing.)



**Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 verses 2-4 UMH 672**