

Dodge Center
United Methodist Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
8:30 AM
***Stand as you are able**



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

***Centering Hymn –UMH #318 “Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing”
(vs.1, 3, & 5)**

***Call To Worship**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

***Prayer for the Day**

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God,

we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit.

You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking,

but with the milk of your truth,

you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ.

You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us.

You fill us with strength and hope,

and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship.

You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come.

Meet us here, we pray,

that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing

and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

*Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website
at https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter_5_may_10/.*

Children’s Time

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School.)

Hymn of the Day – TFWS # 2146 “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” (all vs.)

Apostles’ Creed-UMH – p.7

Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

***Doxology** - UMH #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Gospel Lesson** – John 14:1-14

Sermon Lesson – Proverbs 4:10-13

Sermon – “The Right Path”

Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Holy Communion

Invitation, p. 7

Confession and Pardon, p. 8

The Great Thanksgiving, pp. 9-10

The Lord’s Prayer, pp. 10-11

Giving the Bread and Cup

After Communion Prayer, p.11

***Closing Hymn – UMH #370 “Victory In Jesus” (all vs.)**

*Benediction

***Postlude - “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

Welcome to Worship!

Visitors, please sign our guest book before leaving.

Sunday, May 3 – 8:30 Worship and Sunday School with coffee fellowship to follow.

Our next Community Meal will be Wednesday, May 20th. The menu will be sloppy joes, chips, macaroni salad, and dessert. There will be a signup sheet in the back to donate food, set up, serve or cleanup or you may use the link below. Sunday School will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays when we have our community meal.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-63631487-umcfree>

Coffee Fellowship There is a sign-up sheet in the back on the small bulletin board to bring treats and serve for coffee fellowship on Sundays. Coffee will be made each Sunday and juice is provided.

Greeters are needed each Sunday. Please let Janet know if you can greet or use the signup sheet in the back.

SEMCAC - There is a box for donations to SEMCAC in the entryway. This is an ongoing mission of our church.

Thank you to our volunteers today, April 26

Reader: Tyler Kispert

Counters: Tyler Kispert and Kim Marquardt

Guest Preacher - Nancy Wheeler Hanlon

Pianist- Janet Bugarin

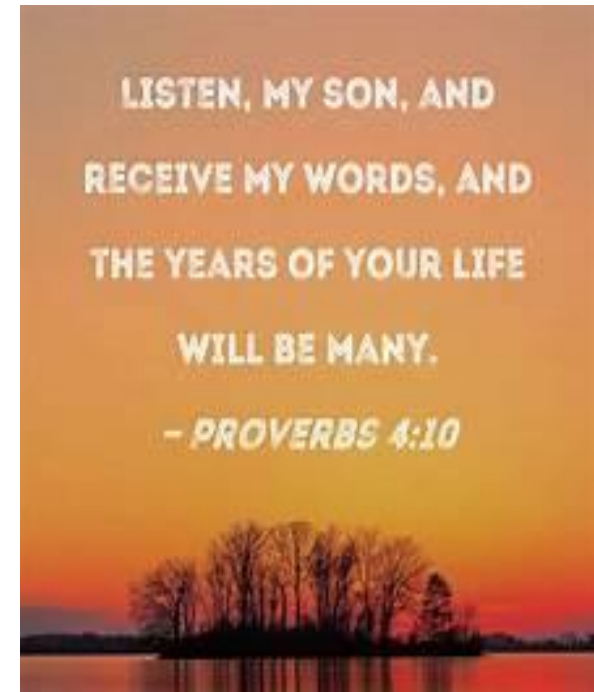
Secretary- Janet Bugarin Sound- Colin Lepp

Total donations needed each week- \$1,700.00

Last Weeks' offering amount: \$1,031.51

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You may place your offering there.

Thank you for your giving.



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