

Grace Devotion

Week of May 3, 2026

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love. (*Psalms 31:15-16 NRSVUE*)

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. (*John 14:1 NRSVUE*)

Dear friends,

Each of our days is different and unique. Some are quiet and slow. Some are filled with small joys that catch us by surprise, a kind word, a memory that brings a smile to our lips and hearts, the sunlight coming through the window in the perfect way. In all of it, God is near. The psalmist reminds us, "My times are in your hand." What a gift to remember that our days are not forgotten but held lovingly by God. Every moment—each prayer, breath, ordinary part of the day—rests in God's steady hands that are full of grace. We also hear Jesus say, "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way and the truth and the life." What a sense of comfort these words give us. But, they are also words of promise. We are not walking this journey alone. Christ is with each of us, guiding us and giving us peace even in the uncertainties of life. There is goodness to notice. There is love that is still being shared. There is purpose in each day. So today, take a moment to rest in that truth. You are held. You are seen. You are loved. Your life is a part of God's beautiful story.



Prayer:

God of love and grace,

Thank You for the opportunities that allow us to draw closer to You. We hear Your words of promise. Help us to feel Your presence in each day's journey. Remind us that we are held in Your care and never alone. Fill our hearts with Your peace and your steady hope. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome/Announcements
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

**+ “Confidence” #60

** Call to Worship

Lector: We come today, carrying all that this week has held--

Congregation: and we bring it into the presence of God.

Lector: When the world feels uncertain and we grow uneasy,

Congregation: God is our refuge and our strength.

Lector: There is a place prepared for us,

Congregation: God promises a love that will not let us go.

Lector: Come, just as you are,

Congregation: We come to worship God together.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)
Loving God,

We come to You today, carrying joys in our hearts and burdens that weigh us down. When we feel unsure, may Your peace flow through us. When the path ahead is unclear, guide us in Your truth. Hold us with care and steady love. Help us to trust You more deeply and to follow You today and every day.

Amen

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**° Hymn: “Trust and Obey” #349

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: “Doxology” #625

** Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others

Lord’s Prayer

**° Hymn: “The Solid Rock” #402/404

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 31:1-5;15-16

John 14:1-14

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Trusting the Way Forward”

**+ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #44

** Final Blessing

** “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal

Announcements

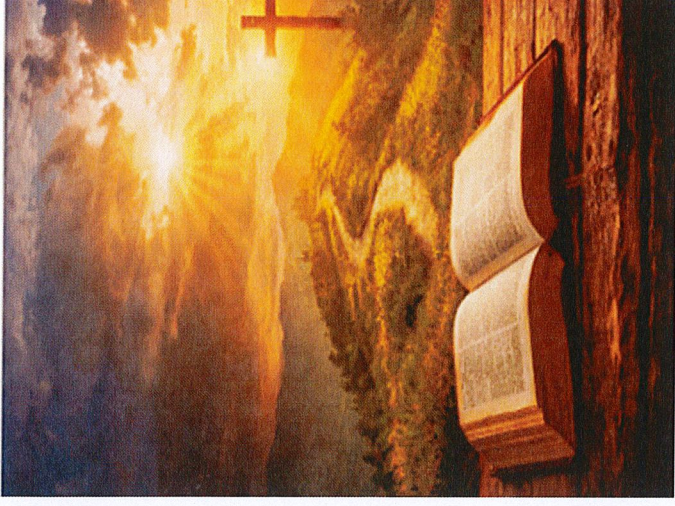
- Contact the church office or Leslie Grote for more information about our new widower's group that will meet monthly.
- Consider joining the group that meets every Tuesday at 1pm. Enjoy games and fellowship in the Gathering Place.
- The month of May is a special month at Grace UCC – INVITE – A - FRIEND MONTH! Your invitation could be the first step in someone else's journey of hope, love, and connection.
- The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Envelopes will be available at entrances near the offering plates.
- Sign-ups are open for VBS! June 22-26th at Trinity UCC Hanover. Open to ages 4-12. Log onto our website & select the Events tab to enroll

Upcoming Events

- Monthly Movie May 8th @ 3:00 PM
- Second Saturday Shares May 9th Time to be announced
- Bible Study and Movie May 13th @ 12:30 PM
- Women's Ministry – ZOOM May 13th @ 7:30 PM
- Mark your calendars for the Grace Parking Lot Yard Sale on May 23rd. More details to come
- Women's Ministry – In Person - May 27th @ 7:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Consistory Meeting – May 11th @ 6:00 PM
- Staff Meeting – May 18th @ 3:30



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Leonard Bankert

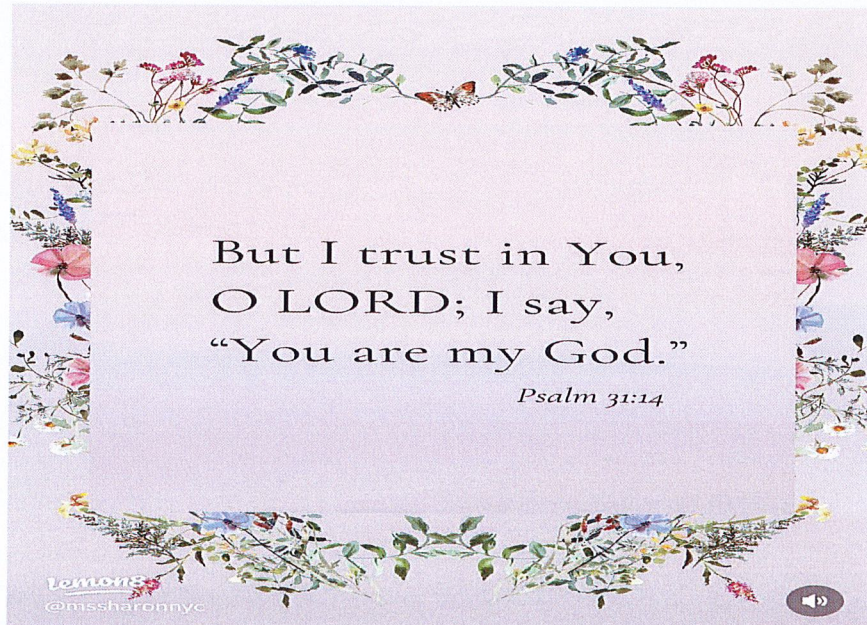
Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Chelsey Topper & Becky Boyer

Psalm 31

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John 14

I will ask the
Father, and
He will give
you another
Helper, that
He may be
with You
forever

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