

May 3rd, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Preludes: "King of Love"
"My Lighthouse"
"Another in the Fire"

Welcome

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.

Opening Prayer:

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.

*Hymn "Way-Maker"

Children's Message "You Know the Way!"

Joys and Concerns/Prayers for the People

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Choral Anthem: "At Your Feet"

The Offertory

*"The Doxology"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen.

*Hymn

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

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The Scripture Lesson(s): John 14:1-14

Message:

Stories That Matter

Week 4

"You Know the Way!"

Music Ministry

"The Potter's Hand"

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"He Leadeth Me"

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Benediction and Going Forth:

12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

~John 14:12-14

**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”**



**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

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