

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Easter

Preludes: "Honey In The Rock"  
"No Longer Slaves"  
"Yahweh"

Welcome  
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.**

Opening Prayer:

**God of all time and space,  
you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation  
at a time before and beyond all knowing.**

**Through the Word and the Spirit,  
you continue in eternal love for all beings.**

**Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence,  
your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world.**

**Shape us into the people you have made us to be –  
poured out in creative mercy  
for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Children's Message "Love That Stays"

Joys and Concerns/Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #070

Choral Anthem: "Let Your Kingdom Come"

The Offertory

\*"The Doxology"

UMH #095

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" UMH #328

The Scripture Lesson(s): John 14:15-21

Message: Stories That Matter  
Week 5  
"The Story Abides"

Music Ministry ""

\*Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH #364

Benediction and Going Forth:

*20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."*

*~John 14:20-21*

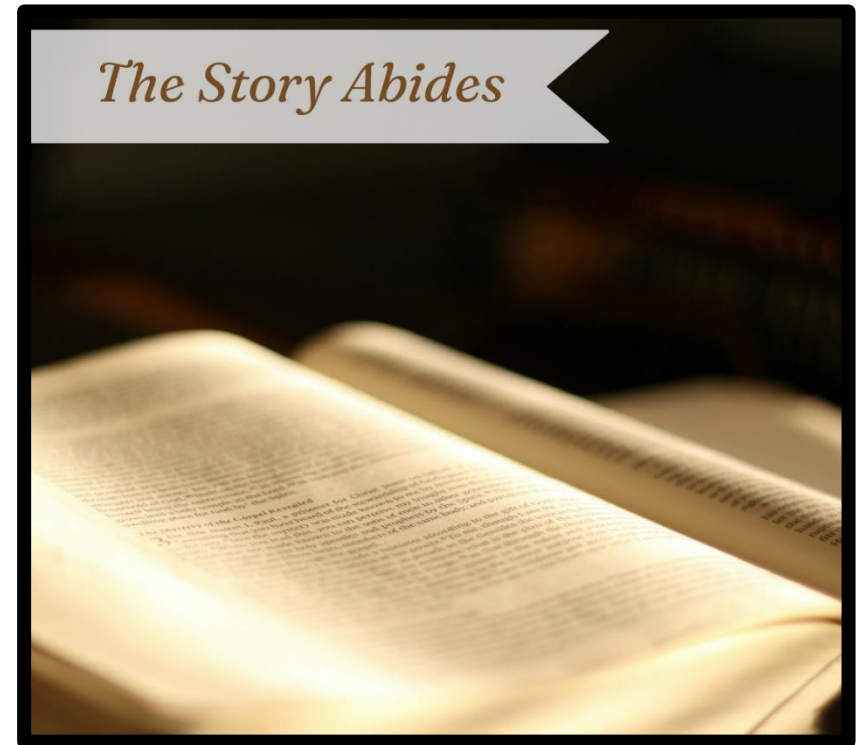
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for the transformation of the  
world.”**

# **First United Methodist Church**

**Mexico, New York**  
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**“All are welcome,  
none are turned away!”**



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