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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*10,000 Reasons*

See screens.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kerry Foote

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

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

**Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

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

**Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

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

**Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

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

**Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

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

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*When We All Get to Heaven* (v. 1-4)

UMH #701

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Trusting the Way*

Liturgist

**We believe in God, who calls us to trust and not be afraid, even when our hearts are troubled.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, who reveals the Father to us and prepares a place for us in eternal love.**

**We believe that to see Christ is to see God, and that through Him we come to know the heart of the Father.**

**We believe that Christ abides in God, and God abides in Him, and through this holy presence we are drawn into divine life.**

**We believe that through faith in Jesus, we are called to continue His work in the world—to love, to serve, to heal, and to proclaim hope.**

**We believe that in Christ's name, God hears our prayers and works through us for His glory.**

**We trust in His promises. We walk in His way. We live in His love.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16 NKJV

Liturgist

*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

31 In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. <sup>2</sup> Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me. <sup>3</sup> For You *are* my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me. <sup>4</sup> Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You *are* my strength. <sup>5</sup> Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> My times *are* in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup> Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Jesus to show us the way. Help us listen, trust, and follow Him each day. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14 NKJV

Liturgist

*The Way, the Truth, and Life*

14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And where I go you know, and the way you know." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

*The Father Revealed*

<sup>7</sup>"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup>Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

*The Answered Prayer*

<sup>12</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup>And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card located on the information table and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect during song and pray over cards at the chancel rail.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* (v. 1-2)

UMH #405

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Stories That Matter

Theme: Knowing that Verse

Main Idea: Like sheep, we learn to recognize the Shepherd's voice together.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*(Inspired by John 14:1-14)*

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.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

UMH #95

HOLY COMMUNION

See insert.

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 1-7)

UMH 57

\*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

*May God bless you as you leave this place to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth, and to rejoice in the Life of the Triune God who draws us together and sends us out to be agents of Resurrection life in a hurting world...and all of God's children said...**Amen***

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*God Be with You till We Meet Again* (v. 1 & 3 /w chorus)

UMH #672

*\*Please stand as you are able*