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**You Know the Way**

**Stories That Matter Worship Series**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



**\*\* P – Pastor    Bold – C: Congregation responds \*\***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed**

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**\*\* All to recite in unison \*\***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Gloria Patri**

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*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

**Opening Hymn – Victory in Jesus** p. 370

## **Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering – Ushers come forward**

### **Doxology**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

**Psalm Lesson – Psalm 119:10-20 (ESV)**

**\*\* L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds \*\***

**L:** <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

**C:** <sup>11</sup> **I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin**

**against you.**

L: <sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

**C: <sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare all the rules<sup>[a]</sup> of your mouth.**

L: <sup>14</sup> In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

**C: <sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.**

L: <sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

**C: <sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.**

L: <sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

**C: <sup>19</sup> I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!**

**ALL: <sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.**

**Hymn – What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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*Favorite hymn of Carolyn Perdue*

**Gospel Lesson – John 14:1-14 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that 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 will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on

you do know him and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.<sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

### **Sermon – You Know the Way**

### **Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II**

**\*\* Please refer to the screen or your handout\*\***

**Closing Hymn: My Hope Is Built**

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### **Benediction & Commission**

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. Amen!

### **Readings for the week beginning May 4, 2026**

Ezekiel 34:1-7 | Psalm 115:1-11, 18b | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | John 14:15-21

## Announcements

- At the direction of James Monroe Dalton, his estate, to the glory of God, has made a generous donation to Union United Methodist Church.

### Prayer List

#### Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Peggy Willard

#### Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Mack Edwards

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

David Joyner

Charles Kurfees

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Ronnie Mudd

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Hal Seats

Phillip Seats

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Tracy Webb

Jeremy Wilson

Savannah Wooten

## May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Connie V. Bolen Wood	13
Lissa Seats	1	Hayden Potts	18
Ashley Snow Perryman	5	Linda Southern	19
Johnny Disher	6	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Frances Sisk	7	Melanie Perryman	26
Chelsea Manring	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31

**Wesley Covenant Prayer** (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on [HackingChristianity.net](http://HackingChristianity.net).)

*I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.*

