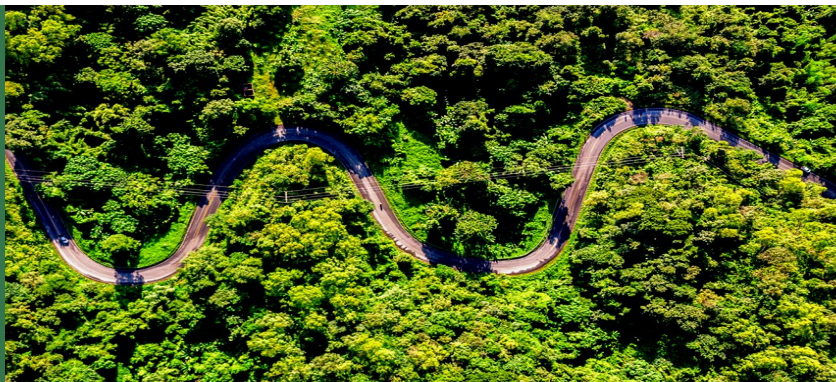


Journal of the Journey

Fifth Sunday
of Easter
May 3, 2026



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, arr. P. Manz¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on 1 Peter 2:2-10

One: God has always called people into the high calling of doing God's will.

All: Every one of us is called to speak the good news, and do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

One: We are God's people, our lives are built on a faithful foundation.

All: We are God's own people, called out of darkness, into God's marvelous light.

***HYMN 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, Liebster Jesu²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with troubled hearts. Somewhere in the litany of bad-news headlines, we have forgotten Jesus' words of comfort and assurance. We look and we see a broken and fearful landscape. We repent of our sin. We see the myriad ways we break your commandments. Somehow our courage fails. Help us to have your determination. Help us to have new vision. We recommit ourselves to the way you call us to live. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 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, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Amy Poland

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

WHERE I FOUND FAITHFULNESS - Jeff Hayes

SERMON

Are There Bunkbeds?

HYMN 62

*Love the Lord Your God, Great Commandment*⁴

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.
Bring coins! All change collected with go to a mission project as chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY

*I Believe This Is Jesus, arr. U.S. Moore*⁵

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*⁶
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS HYMN 556

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Roberts*⁷

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION HYMN 557

*Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen, Roberts*⁸

HYMN 558

*Amen, Roberts*⁹

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Cantilena, J. Rheinberger¹⁰

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines in the center. The elements are received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 852

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least, I'll Fly Away*¹¹

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary, H. Heron*¹²

The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.

Leaders Today

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Roger Fletcher

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Chuck Kamp, Joel DeSpain, Karen Osborne, Kate Fletcher (Deacon)

Communion: Bill & Linda Tanke, Bud Smith, Kathy Kamp



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