

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Theme: You Know the Way

Sunday, May 3, 2026



**“You, O God, are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead and guide me.”**

Psalm 31:3

GATHERING

Prelude: Meditation on “Terra Beta” Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers: “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

People: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us: “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Leader: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us : “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

People: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us: “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

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

People: We come in confidence to worship! Thanks be to God! AMEN

*Hymn: #816 “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Ever-gracious and Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You feed us with confidence in the power of Your truth and show us the way to life. Yet there are the ways we hurt other people, the creation, even ourselves

and You. Come into our hearts anew and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. Challenge us to take up the mantle of justice and follow wherever faith leads us. Enable us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. Fill us with strength and hope. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. So meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing. AMEN

Word of Assurance

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came not to condemn us, but to love us and save us and show us the way. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Alleluia! AMEN

*Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-5,10 and John 14:1-14

Sermon: **“The Bus Stops Here”**

*Hymn: #834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Way-Making God, your offer us life fully and completely in the here and now, not just to believe in a realm beyond. Through Jesus, You call us to a deeper trust, a wider welcome, and to 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 in compassion and courage, to make your dwelling places visible in our community and beyond. In the name of Christ who is the way and the truth and the life. AMEN

Announcements

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (*please see insert*)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: May God bless you as you leave this place to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth, and to rejoice in the Life given to us by God.

People: We place our trust in the Triune God who draws us together and sends us out as agents of Resurrection life in a hurting world. AMEN

Postlude: "Postlude in D" Francois Couperin

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Family this week is: Ian, Katherine Boas & Louise Lichty

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