

Celebrate

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 03, 2026

You Know the Way



First
Church

Celebrate Service - May 3, 2026

Get Involved

WE GATHER

Welcome

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Prelude

"My Jesus I Love Thee"
Arr. Richard Kingsmore
Charis Vander Plaats, Piano

Centering Words

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

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

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

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

Come, Christians, Join To Sing

Opening Prayer

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website at https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter_5_may_10/.

WE PROCLAIM

The Message to Young Disciples

The Gospel Lesson

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.

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

Hayden Boyer, Saxophone
"When You Wish Upon A Star"
Arr. Harline & Washington

WE GO FORTH

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

The Benediction

Pastor Duane Carlisle

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.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

The Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation"
Hal Leonard Corporation
Charis Vander Plaats, Piano

Prayers

Concerns Shared

Diane Morrison All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at rkroeschen@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

AWR1 Isaiah Hale

CDR James Beaty

LCDR Alex Turco

Worship Team

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Tom Dienhart

Soundboard:

Dustin Coolman

Sharon Wong

Liturgists

Liturgist:

Betty Tonsing

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Duane Carlisle

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Kory Pritchett

Vocals

Bass:

John Jones

Soprano:

Anna Clark

Band

Piano:

Charis Vander Plaats

Worship Leaders

Director of Music and Arts:

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1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joi - ce;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Words by
Civilla Durfee Martin

Music By
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

VERSE

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1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," His ten-der words I hear;
 3. When ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

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Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heav'n and home when Je-sus is my
 And rest-ing on His good-ness, I lose my doubt and fear. Tho' by the path He
 when songs give place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clos-er

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por-tion? My con-stant friend is He: His eye is on the spar-row, and I
 lead-eth but one step I may see: His eye is on the spar-row, and I
 to Him; From care He sets me free: His eye is on the spar-row, and I

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know He watch-es me. His eye is on the spar-row, and I know He watch-es me. I
 know He watch-es me. His eye is on the spar-row, and I know He watch-es me.
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CHORUS

sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free; For His eye is on the spar-row, and I

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know He watch - - es me.

May 3, 2026

GET INVOLVED



FUMC Foundation support us today, tomorrow

Thanks to generous gifts, bequests and wise investing over the last 43 years, our church Foundation now stands at more than \$5 million. It supports FUMC projects and ministries large and small, spending roughly \$500,000 dollars last year alone. Some examples are:

- Since renovations of the Narthex, Sanctuary, Activity Center, and related areas began in 2023, the Foundation has provided about \$777,500 in gifts or loans for the projects.
- The Foundation helps support Freedom School, last year allocating \$8,000 for this research-based summer and after-school enrichment initiative. Another \$40,000 has been committed this year.
- This year, \$250,000 was given to the Wesley Foundation for an elevator in its new student center, supporting ministries to the Purdue campus. Of that, \$150,000 came from a designated bequest received in 2025.
- Yearly, the Foundation provides scholarships to persons pursuing education for a career in ministry and to Purdue students active in the programs at Wesley or First Church. Last year \$8,000 in college scholarships were awarded.



We all are invited to join the Foundation for \$100. Send a check to the office. Mark it for Foundation. Please also consider including the Foundation in estate planning. Pastor Duane Carlisle or Foundation President Carl Griffin can provide more information.

You are invited:

-- Rev. Dr. Steve Ivy, executive director of Religious Freedom Indiana, will talk about Christian nationalism here at 6:30 PM Tuesday, May 5.

-- Play euchre here 5:45-8:30 PM Wednesday, May 13. Sign up via Jeanne, jnorberg@purdue.edu



-- Acorn Players calls on youth to audition for its summer camp. Tryouts are here from 6-8 pm on May 19-20.