

ICE-BREAKERS

- 1 Have you ever been completely lost—either physically or in life—and needed someone to show you the way? What happened?
- 2 If you could ask God for anything and knew the answer would be “yes,” what would you ask for, and why?

SERMON BASED

- 1 Where in your life are you most tempted to ask God to bless your direction instead of surrendering to His Way? What might it look like to trust His path in that area?
- 2 When you examine your recent prayers, do they reflect God’s Truth and Life, or do they lean more toward personal comfort, control, or convenience? What does that reveal about your spiritual maturity?

BEYOND THE TEXT

- 1 If Jesus is the Way, how would your relationships change this week if you prioritized His path of love, patience, and humility over your own preferences or reactions?
- 2 If Jesus is the Truth and the Life, how can you intentionally speak truth and bring life into someone else’s situation, especially in moments where it would be easier to withdraw, judge, or remain silent?



Stories That Matter



May 3rd, 2026
10:30AM

Pastor Christian Taylor

Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. **You Belong Here!** We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world.

ORDER of WORSHIP

John
14:6

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elijah Pollock

PRELUDE *Elegy* | by Nicholas Bowden Scott Turner

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Aubrey Osborn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

+ OPENING PRAYER Nalla Shaffer

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.

+ HYMN #128 *He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought* | UMH Scott Turner

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LEADERS of TODAY'S WORSHIP

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You Know the Way



CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Ella Pruden & Vivian Laukhuf

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life | arr. Carl Heine

+ SCRIPTURE JOHN 14:1 – 14 Noah Krites

SERIES

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MESSAGE *You Know the Way* Pastor Christian Taylor

SONG Grace Spieles & Madalynn Laukhuf (vocals)

Medley – I'll Fly Away, Swing Low (Sweet Chariot), I Saw the Light

OFFERTORY

Psalm | by Gordon Young

*Place Offerings in
the Wooden Plates
coming through
Pews during the
Offering Song.*



+ DOXOLOGY #98

To God Be the Glory | UMH

HOLY COMMUNION Leah Krites & Madalynn Laukhuf

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE *Postludium* | by Gordon Young Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace. **Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.**

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