

ICE-BREAKERS *Stories That Matter* | John 14: 15 – 21

- 1 Have you ever had an experience where someone's presence—maybe a parent, mentor, or friend—made you feel safe or not alone, even if they weren't physically right there? What was that like?
- 2 If you could have a “helper” with you all the time to guide or support you (*like Jesus promises the Spirit*), what kind of help would you want most—and why?

SERMON BASED

- 1 What story are you telling yourself right now about your life—one shaped by fear or uncertainty—and how might Jesus' promise, “*I will not leave you orphaned*,” invite you to see that story differently?
- 2 If the Spirit truly abides in you, not just with you, what is one concrete way your daily actions could better reflect Christ's love this week—in your home, your work, or your relationships?

BEYOND THE TEXT

- 1 Who in our community might be feeling like “Casper”—unseen, misunderstood, or alone—and how is God calling us to intentionally help them experience belonging in the body of Christ?
- 2 If we are all being woven into one shared story by the Spirit, what might need to change in how we listen to, honor, and make space for one another's stories—especially those that are different or difficult?



May Prayer Partner **WHAT TO DO !**

“Mighty God, thank you for providing me the opportunity to pray for (name). While I may not ever know the impact these prayers have had on (name), I am certain that you heard each and every one. With thanks and praise, Amen.”

Use this month as an opportunity to pray for anything that comes to mind, big or small.

PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16



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Stories That Matter



May 10th, 2026

10:30AM

Mother's Day

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

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

JOHN 14: 16-17

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jamie Ramos

PRELUDE Scott Turner

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart | arr. Don Hustad

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Jamie Ramos

Leader: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.
People: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.
Leader: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.
People: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.
Leader: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.
People: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.
Leader: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.
People: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

+ OPENING PRAYER Jamie Ramos

+ HYMN #384 Scott Turner

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | UMH

TIME OF GREETING Jamie Ramos

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Pastor Christian Taylor

- HANNAH KRANER
- TAYLAR BOROFF
- MARK GANGER
- NEIL KOEPER

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Courtney Wendel
Preschool – 5th grade are released to AWE (Alternate Worship Experience)

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir

If Ye Love Me | by Thomas Tallis (1505 – 1585)

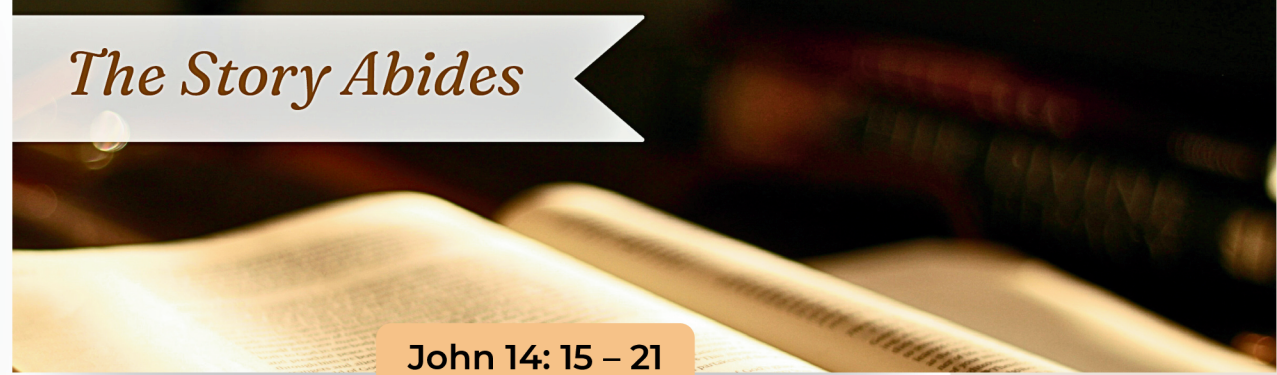
“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever this is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

LEADERS of TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
ANNOUNCER
JAMIE RAMOS
ACOLYTES
HEATHER KEEN
JOVIE POLLOCK
CHILDREN'S CHAT
COURTNEY WENDEL
USHERS
YOUTH
NEIL SHAFFER
DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
SCOTT TURNER
WORSHIP LEADER
JEREMY LAUKHUF
VIDEOGRAPHER
DAVE THOMPSON
PROJECTIONIST
NOAH KRITES
SOUND ENGINEER
KENT SMELSER
SCREEN CREATORS
MARY ANN FALK
JEREMY LAUKHUF



7BREW COFFEE
AVAILABLE
– UNTIL GONE –
+ DONUTS IN THE KROUT!



The Story Abides

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+ SCRIPTURE SERIES

MESSAGE Pastor Christian Taylor

HYMN #393 Scott Turner

Spirit of the Living God | UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Christian Taylor

OFFERTORY Scott Turner

Children Return from AWE

Aria | by Nicholas Bowden

+ DOXOLOGY #98 Scott Turner

To God Be the Glory | UMH

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE Scott Turner

Great is Thy Faithfulness | arr. Don Hustad

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.**

Infants & Toddlers
have the Nursery
Available during
9AM Sunday
School and
10:30AM Worship
{Nursery Volunteers Needed}

PreK – 5th grade
have Sunday School
at 9AM and AWE
during 10:30AM
Worship
{No AWE Communion Sunday}

6th – 12th grade
have Sunday School
at 9AM and Youth
Group following
10:30AM Worship
*No Sunday School
June – August*

PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN
THE **PLATES** COMING
THROUGH THE PEWS DURING
THE OFFERING SONG



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