

Living the Way

Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Prelude - Roger Hintzsche

Welcome – Sheryl Sawyers

Hymn “Who Is This Jesus” CCS 38

Invocation – Roger Hintzsche

Response

Scripture Reading – Jayne Ackley

Spiritual Practice and Focus Moment – Sheryl Sawyers

Hymn of Calling “The Summons” CCS 586

Sermon – Sylvia Elrod

Based on John 14:1–14

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Hymn “Coming Together for Wine and for Bread” CCS 516

Invitation to Communion – Darrell White

Blessings and Serving of the Bread and Wine – Darell White and Sheryl Sawyers

Disciples’ Generous Response – Janeice Bollie

Scripture Reading

Hymn of Commitment “Christ, You Call Us All to Service” CCS 357

Prayer for Peace – Becky Burns

Sending Forth – Sheryl Sawyers

Response – Roger Hintzsche

Postlude – AV

Who Is This Jesus, CCS 38

Who is this Jesus, whose voice we have heard,
 whose actions reveal and illumine God's word,
 whose stories surprising new insights impart,
 whose gospel is joy for the humble of heart?

Who is this Jesus, whose light we have seen,
 whose shining in splendor turns barren earth green,
 whose rising in glory prevails over death,
 whose Spirit of wisdom gives beauty and breath?

Who is this Jesus, whose love we have known,
 whose hunger and pain were as real as our own,
 whose pow'r and compassion are with us to heal,
 whose life in abundance we share in this meal?

Jesus is human, our flesh and our blood,
 but also the image and fullness of God.
 This Jesus is Christ and on him we depend,
 our solid-rock center, beginning, and end.

The Summons, CCS 586

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prison'rs free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Coming Together for Wine and for Bread, CCS 516

Coming together for wine and for bread, tasting the story and hearing it read,
 knowing our hunger and sharing the meal opens our eyes to see Jesus is real.

Who will be hungry if, hearing the call, we offer seats at our banquet to all?
 Who is forgotten? Who will we ignore? Who is the outcast that knocks at our
 door?

Here at this table, we’re welcomed by name; all are invited, each seat is the same.
 Serving, receiving, and eating the feast humbles the haughty and honors the least.

Blessing this table the Spirit is here granting us vision, so suddenly clear:
 sharing and serving, the body is fed, nourished by Jesus, the Wine and the Bread.

Christ, You Call Us All to Service, CCS 357

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you;
 plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.
 Fire a passion for your justice, in us kindle love of peace;
 help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side,
 equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
 To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;
 help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,
 seeking ways more just of sharing and of ord’ring human life.
 Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
 send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.