

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (based on John 14)

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

People: We trust in God; we trust also in Christ.

L: When the path before us is uncertain, Jesus speaks with clarity and grace:

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

L: When we feel lost or afraid, He calls us to follow Him.

P: He leads us in the way of life and peace.

L: In Him we find our direction, our hope, and our home.

ALL: Let us worship Jesus- the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Page 158

Opening Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Evan Pierre Guadette and Sophia Jill Gaudette

Children's Sermon: *Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible Camp Song*

Prayer of Confession (from Proverbs 3 and John 14)

Leader: Gracious God, You call us to trust in You with all our hearts and not lean on our own understanding.

People: Yet we confess how often we do the opposite. We rely on our own plans, our own wisdom, our own need for control.

L: We want clear answers and certain outcomes, and when we do not have them, our hearts become troubled.

P: Jesus, You have told us, "I am the way," yet we search for other paths.

L: We hesitate to follow where You lead when the road is unfamiliar or difficult.

P: Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our fear, our doubt, and our desire to go our own way.

L: Teach us to trust You more deeply, to acknowledge You in all things— not just in the easy moments, but in the uncertain ones as well.

P: Quiet our anxious hearts. Draw us closer to You.

Help us to follow where You lead,

L: believing that You are guiding us, even when we cannot see the whole path.

ALL: We place our trust in You again today. In the name of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He is not only the One who shows the way— He is the Way. When we turn to Him, trusting not in ourselves but in His grace, we are not left wandering. In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Our failures are not the end of the road. God is already at work, making our paths straight and leading us into life.

You are forgiven. You are guided. You are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering "I Thought I Knew You Best" Rev. Ed Deyton

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*Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Page 2129

Scripture Proverbs 3:1-6 John 14:1-14

Sermon: *When You Don't Know the Way*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Page 89

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Debbie Gannett

10:00 am: Priscilla Tinsley

Coffee Hour

Paula Indelicato

Kim Munro

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Housing Assistance Corp. 3 mile Walk Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 pm. Leaving Veteran's Memorial Park in Hyannis. Register online or at start at 12:00 pm. Sharing Kindness Suicide Awareness Walk is May 16 at 10am leaving from the same location.

Our holiday fair workshop will have a "soft opening" on Tuesday, may 5th. Please come at 9:00am for coffee and cookies. We will begin planning for our November 21st Holiday Fair, "Cookie Cutter Christmas." Susan DeMartino

Welcome Committee Meeting May 7 at 3:30 pm.

Miracle Sunday May 17 Special offering for clergy education in Africa

Celebrating Dave and Daren's 50 years together June 6 5:30 pm

Blessing of the Animals June 28 at 1pm Outside Chapel

Confirmation Sunday June 14.

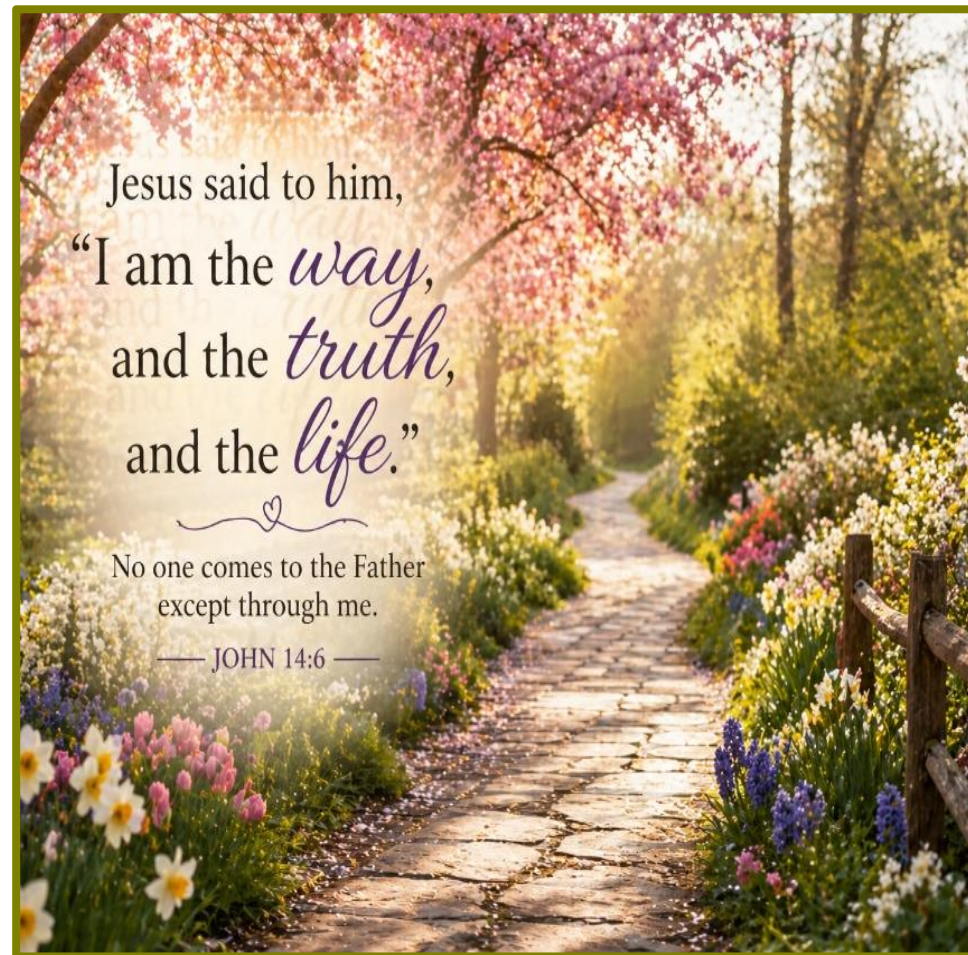
Bring in Quilts for Mother's Day, May 10, in Memory or Honor of a loved one. Due by May 7th.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

The Annex will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 am till 12:00 to accept donations for the upcoming yard sale on May 23.

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Jesus said to him,
"I am the *way*,
and the *truth*,
and the *life*."

No one comes to the Father
except through me.

— JOHN 14:6 —

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Pastor John Wesley Taylor
Music Today
Brian Morris & Janet Leahy