

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

THE WAY OF JESUS

COME & SEE • FOLLOW ME • GO & MAKE



“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”
~Frederick Buechner



Sunday Worship

Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday
8:30 am – 4:30 pm



330 Fifth Avenue Southwest
Albany, OR 97321

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" *by Brian Doerksen*
*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.
 We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

Welcome & Announcements The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ Invitation to Worship This is the day God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
 These are the hearts and minds and voices God has given us.
**Let us praise and give ourselves to the One in whom we live
 and move and have our being!**

+ Gathering Song 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer Loving, living God, be among us now. Rich Sipe
We bring our stories to this place, and we wait to be held by yours.
We bring our faithfulness: shape it with grace.
We bring our success: shape it with generosity.
We bring our weaknesses: shape them with compassion.
We bring our possibilities: shape them with hope.
Speak into our tiredness with your story of grace.
Speak into our wandering with your story of vision.
Speak into our impatience with your story of wisdom.
Show us your ways. Guide our steps.
**Live in us and help us remember that all we are
 and all we have are gifts from you,
 gifts to be shared in service and love.**
Amen.

Silent prayer and reflection

Sung Response 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with the Young Church

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Praise His Holy Name" *by Hampton*

Sermon "Famous Last Words" Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Invitation to the Offering

We are grateful for your sharing part of your Sunday with us, and for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share. Offering boxes are at the rear of the sanctuary for those willing and able to help support the ministry of this congregation.

Offertory "St. Columba" *arr. Hilton Kean Jones*

**+ Presentation of Gifts
& Hymn 48** "Rain Down"

**The Celebration of
the Lord's Supper** Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 of the People

We serve both wine and grape juice. The wine is in the blue-colored chalices, and the white grape juice is in the beige-colored chalices. Both are offered for your comfort and participation.

As we receive communion by intinction, please exit your pew to your left, receive a piece of bread from one of the stations, dip it in the cup, and partake of both elements together. If you are unable to come forward, we will gladly bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn 544 "Bless the Lord"
Prayer

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Hymn 295 "Go to the World!"

+ Benediction

+ Benediction Song "Go with God"

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

May's Shopping Cart Mission: Stay tuned for more details about our May Shopping Cart Mission.

Melody's Mayday Mission: Melody learned in early March that she may not be able to stay in her home if she can't repair or replace the septic system on her property. In order to discover what needs to be done, they have to do a drill test which costs \$5000. If you want to help her, please go to Melody's gofundme account at: <https://gofund.me/25ebe4d8b>. If you would rather write a check, make it payable to: **Melody Drown McMaster** and bring it to the office. We will make sure that she gets it. **Thank you!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m.	May 3 Worship
Monday 6:00 p.m.	May 4 ACT Practice
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	May 5 Sabbath Circle Book Study ACT Practice
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	May 6 ACT Practice Family Support Group Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	May 7 YOGA Women's Book Study ACT Practice

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Rich Sipe

Ushers — Retha Larson, Jacque Deeds, Sharon Lichti, and Linda Cameron.

Coffee Hour—Gathering Committee

Children's Programs - Aleena Chappel, Brooke Gunningham, Erica Reid, Melissa Sipe, and Logan Breese.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up. Creative minds uses a combination of technology, art media, games, and service projects to explore our relationship with God, and to encourage one another to grow in our faith, spirituality, and community.

Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*

Tami Van Ras, *Pastoral Assistant*

Sienna Bogart, *Director of The Children's Place*

Meredith Hanson, *Children's Ministries Director*

Deborah Beier, *Office Manager*

Barbara Clauson, *Interim Choir Director*

Kason Stevens, *Facilities-Manager*

Andrea Recek, *Pianist*

Tao Li, *Organist*

Jim Cole, Nathan Reid, or Chris Misa, *AV Techs*

Logan Breese or Greg Sutton, *Bus Driver*

