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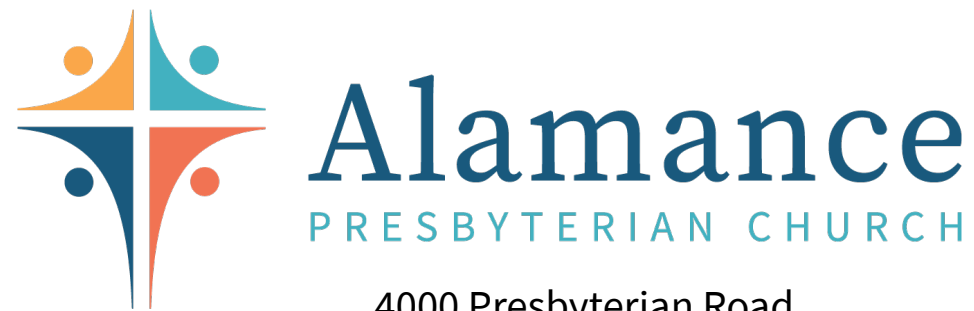
The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Fifth Sunday of Easter, **May 3:**  
**Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;**  
**John 14:1-14.**

Lectionary Year A, Sixth Sunday of Easter, **May 10:**  
**Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22,**  
**John 14:15-21.**



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 10 a.m.

## LARGE PRINT

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Lou Gonzalez.

### Centering Music

#### \* Call to Worship

One: We come today unsure. We come carrying questions:  
about who we are, what we're worth,  
about whether we are enough.

**All: Still, God calls us here.**

One: We come with hesitation, unsure of our place,  
unsure of our voice, wondering if we belong.

**All: Still, Christ welcomes us.**

One: Not because we have it all together,  
not because we have no doubts,

**All: but because God's grace meets us as we are.**

One: So come, not with certainty, but with openness;  
not with confidence, but with trust.

**All: Let us worship the God who calls, claims,  
redeems, and sends.**

\* **Opening Hymn** *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*

Song sheet

### Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, even when you call us by name, we are slow to follow. We doubt ourselves. We question our worth. We wonder how you could possibly use us. We favor safe routines, familiar failures, old identities that feel easier to inhabit than the new life you offer. And in that doubt, we turn away from your call, not in defiance, but in uncertainty; not in rebellion, but in fear. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us for the ways we shrink back from the life you have given us to live. Forgive us for measuring ourselves by our past instead of your promise. Meet us again right where we are. Call to us in our weariness, and feed us with your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

### \* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

\* **Sung Response**     *Glory to God,*     Song sheet  
   *Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

## First Scripture Reading     *John 21:1-14*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**                     *Lamb of God*                     - Twila Paris

## Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

## Second Scripture Reading     *John 21:15-19*

**Message**             *God Calls, but I Have My Doubts*  
   Dr. Kyle Goodman

### \* **Affirmation of Faith**     *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James Version

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.**

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor's.

## Call to Offering

### Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

## Offertory

**Doxology**                     *Praise God,*                     Song sheet  
   *from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### \* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* **Sending Hymn**     *Lord, You Have Come*                     Song sheet  
   *to the Lakeshore*

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### \* **Charge and Benediction**

## Closing Music