

Anthon United Methodist Church

5th Sunday of Easter

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

May 7, 2023 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "My Hope Is Built" UMH #368

Call to Worship Liturgist: Lisa Kerns

L: The Lord is our refuge.

P: We can find peace in God's abiding love.

L: When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

P: When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

L: Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

P: We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Psalm 31 (Read Responsively) UMC #764 versus 1-8

Children's Story

Hymn of Preparation "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH #162

Gospel Reading John 14: 1-14

Today's Message "Getting to Heaven" Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" Roger Hladik

The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion UMH #9

Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95,**

Prayer of Dedication

All: Father, we give our tithes and offerings to you. Bless and use these to accomplish your will through this church. We ask that every amount will be invested in the furthering of your work." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another. AMEN.

Closing Hymn "When We All Get To Heaven" UMH #701

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist..... Lisa Kerns
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Dee Ashley, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Randy Hayworth, Doris Waugh, Barb & Cal Tyre, and Keith Allman.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 8: Finance and Ad Board meeting at 7:00

May 10: The Women of Faith will be having a meeting at 10:00am. There will be a discussion of the upper room for that date.

May 14: Mother's Day serving Muffins for Mom and also celebrating Graduation Day for Highschool and College Seniors.

Missions: The front doors of the church will be open to drop off items

For May Mission Projects: Spring House Cleaning is coming. The Orphan Grain Train out of Ida Grove has been chosen for our new mission project. They are in need of shoes (wearable, good condition, but no high heel women's shoes. They also need men, women and children's clothes, scrubs, walkers, canes, crutches, and wheelchairs.

We are also starting our ingathering collection for our hygiene kits. There will be a list of needs on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute money, please contact Shirley or Marilyn and we will shop for items needed.

Mar. Readers: May 14-Autumn Hansen, May 21-Tim Hoy, May 28-Eileen Klindt.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Sheryl K. Ashley (8).

May/June Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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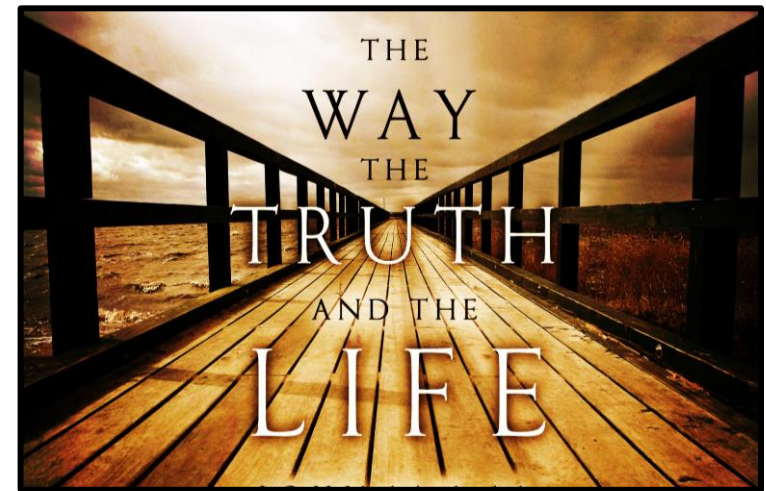
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Reflection: "My teachings will guide your feet. My presence will sustain your spirit. In all the twists and turns your future path may take, I am the Way."

Jesus is asking us to open our eyes and to open our hearts to the will of God.