

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

REFLECTION: “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, NRSV

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PEACE: Peace be with you – American Sign Language

CALL TO WORSHIP¹:

LEADER: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

PEOPLE: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

LEADER: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

PEOPLE: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

LEADER: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

PEOPLE: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

LEADER: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

PEOPLE: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

LEADER: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

PEOPLE: **Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN:**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #117

***OPENING PRAYER²:**

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ.

You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come.

Meet us here, we pray,
that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing
and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE:**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #139 v.1

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 4:10-18

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” #2146

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen

SERMON: “The Way”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada #883

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #13

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Christ, thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies. Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst. Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are. Thank you for this Table that brings us together. Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits. Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there. May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Living for Jesus” #2149 v.1

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #94**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³:

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we’ve heard your voice. In Christ’s name. Amen.

***At this mark, you may stand in body or in spirit.**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #569

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

¹Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

²Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website at

https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter_5_may_10/

³Offertory prayer on umcdiscipleship.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Paul Mancini, Ellie Smith, Nancy Higgins, William Drury, Pamela Drury, Sandy Gray, Melissa Rodolosi, Anne Bennett, Danielle DeSantis, Marj Stark, Joanne Briggs, Skylar Dempsey, Family of Betty Spencer, Dawn Lepore, Joshua Kauffman (Navy), Glenn Douglass, Joanne MacInnis, Marcia Patterson

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Shin at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or texted to 781-572-6650 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you would like a visit from Pastor Shin, please notify him at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 781-572-6650. You may also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

E-Giving can be made via PayPal & Venmo



EVENTS

Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the
Danvers People to People Food Pantry

Monday

Tuesday

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

The Gathering – 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30am-Noon

AA 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATES

May 17 – Potluck after church
May 24 – No Sunday School
May 31 – Peace with Justice Sunday
June 7 – United Methodist Student Day
June 14 – Children’s and Senior Sunday
October 4 – World Communion Sunday
November 7 – Holiday Fair

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May 3, 2026

The Reverend Shin Ahn, *Pastor*
Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*
Holly Landry, *Christian Education Director*
Kevin O’Brien, *Sexton*



Sunday May 17th we will be holding a Potluck after church service.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Throughout the month of May, Pastor Shin will be offering spring home visitations. I would love the opportunity to visit you at your home.



Signup sheet is in the fellowship hall.

OR

You can email (singingpastorshin@gmail.com) or call (781-572-6650)

Pastor Shin

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Burial & Gathering

Please join us as we lay Betty to rest and celebrate her life.

Saturday, June 6, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Walnut Grove Cemetery
30 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

Lunch Reception to Follow
Tapley Memorial Hall
13 Page Street, Danvers, MA

Please RSVP for the reception
by June 1, 2026,
to BarbDoyle50@gmail.com

Elizabeth A. Spencer
9/25/1930 - 2/20/2026

A portrait of Elizabeth A. Spencer, a woman with short, curly, reddish-brown hair, wearing a light-colored top and a necklace. She is holding a bouquet of white flowers.