

May 3, 2026



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**The Dwelling Place of God**

*John 14:1-14*

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 AM

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*Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**                      *Remind Me Who I Am* (Jason Gray)                      RISE to Shine Band

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Rev. Michael A. Howard and Thea Mazingo

**Introit**                      *You Make Me Brave* (Amanda Cook)                      RISE to Shine Band

\* **Call to Worship**                      Rev. Susi Kawolics

One: God is not far from us.

**All: God dwells among us.**

One: We come from many places—

**All: And here, we belong.**

One: We come with many stories—

**All: And here, we belong.**

One: Not by what we have done—

**All: But because God is with us.**

One: Jesus prepares a place—

**All: And here, we belong.**

One: At this table, we are gathered—

**All: At this table, we belong.**

One: Come as you are—

**All: We come to belong.**

\* **Opening Hymn**                      *Come, Christians Join and Sing*                      No. 90

**Prayer for Truth**                      Rev. Kawolics

One: We say that we belong—

**All: But we know the distance between us.**

One: We speak words of love—

**All: But our lives do not always follow.**

One: We gather at the table—

**All: But we do not always make room.**

One: We long to be one—  
**All: But we hold back from one another.**  
One: God of grace—  
**All: Meet us here, and make us whole.**

### Words of Grace

Rev. Kawolics

One: Hear the good news: God has not left us as we are. In Jesus Christ, a place is being prepared among us—a place where we are not alone, a place where we belong. Even now, God is dwelling among us—not because we are perfect, but because God is faithful.  
**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Message for the Young at Heart

Rev. Howard

#### \* Passing of Christ's Peace

#### \* Praise Response

*Draw the Circle* (Arr. Mark Miller)

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Kawolics

### Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Kawolics

### Gospel Reading

*John 14:1-14*

Rev. Kawolics

### Sermon

The Dwelling Place of God

Rev. Howard

### The Table Thanksgiving

Rev. Howard and Rev. Kawolics

One: God is with us—  
**All: God dwells among us.**  
One: Lift up your hearts—  
**All: We lift them to God.**  
One: Let us give thanks—  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
One: God of life—...  
and so we gather at this table—  
**All: A place where you dwell among us.**



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**Words of Institution**

Rev. Howard and Rev. Kawolics

**Prayer Over the Elements**

Rev. Howard and Rev. Kawolics

One: God, meet us here—...  
Redeemed by God's love.

All: **Make us one,  
that we may be your dwelling place. Amen.**

**Invitation to Receive**

Rev. Howard and Rev. Kawolics

**Table Music** *The Place Where I Belong* (Davy Flowers / Housefires) RISE to Shine Band

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

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\* **Closing Hymn**

*Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*

No. 490

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Howard

**Postlude**

*Lord, I Need You* (Matt Maher)

RISE to Shine Band

**Depart in Peace**

Now, go in love to serve.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 10th, 10 AM**  
**Rev. Michael A. Howard preaches**