

**May 3, 2026**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

# Welcome To Our Church



## United Methodist Church

Of  
Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby  
30 Carew St.  
South Hadley MA 01075

Pastor George Kiakis  
Liturgist: Brian Tabor  
Minister of Music: Heather Reichgott

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY** - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. Please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (\*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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### Announcements

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

### Call To Worship

L: In the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

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

L: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus answers us:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**\*Hymn #368:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!  
(Refrain)

**Morning Prayer:** Unison

Ever-gracious God, we celebrate the gift of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with 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.

**A Time for Young People**

**Celebrations & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Gloria Patri**

pg. 70

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Ministry in Music:** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

by J. S. Bach

**Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful God: We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us this is done. Amen.

**Psalm 119** Response #3 pg. 840

**Response:** Thy word is a lamp onto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
Who walk in the law of the Lord!

**Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies,**

**Who seek God with their whole heart,**

Who also do no wrong

But walk in God's ways!

**You have commanded your precepts**

**To be kept diligently.**

O that my ways may be steadfast  
In keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,  
Having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,  
When I learn your righteous ordinances

**I will observe your statutes;  
O forsake me not utterly!**

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**Scripture:** John 14: 1-14 pg. 108 New Testament

### **Jesus Comforts His Disciples**

**14** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. **2** My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going.”

### **Jesus the Way to the Father**

**5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

**6** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know<sup>[b]</sup> my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

**8** Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

**9** Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. **11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I

have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

**Message:**

Pastor George Kiakis

### **\*Hymn #2162: Grace Alone**

Every promise we can make,  
every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make  
is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb,  
every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind  
is only by his grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,  
every heart we hope to teach,  
every where we share his peace  
is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say,  
every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise  
is only by his grace.

Refrain

### **Invitation to Communion**

All are welcome, regardless of age  
or church membership.

### **\*Hymn #99: My Tribute**

To God be the glory, to God be the glory  
To God be the glory

For the things He has done  
With His blood He has saved me  
With His power He has raised me  
To God be the glory,  
For the things He has done, He has done

**\*Offering and Doxology** #94  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Offering Prayer**

**\*Benediction**  
**Postlude**

**Offering:** Please leave your offering on the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-Please pray for: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Darlene Dout, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Scott Shippey, Robert Dout, Lisa Barnes, Jim Barnes, Jessica Guarnera, Megan Motyka, Rob Barnett, our Church, our Country, our World.

-Join us for coffee & fellowship after worship.

May 13: 9:00 a.m. UWF

May 15: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go - pulled pork on bulky roll, cold slaw, lemon squares

May 16: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Plant Sale

May 19: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustee meeting

-Looking for our Graduates- Inform the office if there is a new graduate to celebrate. The names will be posted in the June newsletter.

-PLANT SALE on May 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. What can you do? You can bring plants, divide some perennials, share seedlings you may have started. You can bring a plant that you don't appreciate anymore. You might even purchase something to donate. Tell your friends and neighbors.

-Bible study with Bev in Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 10.

"No-Tag" Sale event:

As many of you know, we are very fortunate to have a thriving food pantry within our building. The unfortunate piece is that the numbers of people needing assistance keeps growing and growing. The pantry's dedicated team currently provides for over 300 households with over 22,000 pounds of food each month.

A different opportunity that we would like to offer these families is a "No-Tag" Sale event. On Saturday, June 27th from 9am-1pm our South Hadley UMC will host a traditional tag sale, but without the tags. All items will be **free of charge** to families. We are asking for your help. We need tag sale items! Donations of toys, books, household items, sports equipment, small tools, holiday decorations in good, clean condition would be greatly appreciated. We are not taking any clothes, large furniture or electronics such as computers, tv's etc.

*Items can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall the week prior to the event. Transportation arrangements are available for those with large donations. Call or text 413-534-4963. Thank you in advance for helping to make our first No-Tag Sale event a success!*

Karen Motyka  
Outreach UMC



So. Hadley Methodist Church

## Grab & Go

# Pulled Pork Sandwich

May 16 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
\$15.00

**Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich Cole Slaw  
Lemon Squares Chips Beverage**



**To order: call: 413 532-0500  
text: 413 695-1212  
email: office@umcsouthhadley.org**

OR fill out the form & leave it in offering plate.  
Include your name, phone & number of meals

*Notify us if anyone in your party has a food  
allergy.*



If you will help prepare, sign up, call or  
email the church.

Helping is fun.

I will help \_\_\_\_\_

### Take & Go Reservations

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

No. of meals \_\_\_\_\_

If you are in need of prayers or need to speak  
with the pastor, contact the office.

Pastor's office hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30-11:00 a.m.

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