



May 3, 2026

1st Sunday

*We invite you to silence your phones before the start of worship.
Please stand during the sections marked with an **

Gathering

Lighting of the Candles – Acolytes

** Please stand*

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Life on the Road Highlights

The Passing of the Peace

Take a moment to greet and share the Peace of Christ with those around you.



Praise

***The Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our midst, forming us to be God’s own people.

Congregation: **Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.**

Leader: We need not fear.

Congregation: **In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.**

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God’s own righteousness.

Congregation: **Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you.**

Leader: You are never left outside God’s house.

Congregation: **There is always room for us.**

Leader: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

Congregation: **When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.**

Leader: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

All: **We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.**

Songs of Praise

♪ He Leadeth Me - 128 - UMH (verses 1,3,4)

♪ My Life is in You, Lord - 2032 - The Faith We Sing

♪ God Will Make a Way (on screen)

♪ You Are My Hiding Place - 2055 - The Faith We Sing



***A Time of Confession and Pardon**

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will.
We have broken your law.
We have rebelled against your love.
We have have not loved our neighbors,
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take a moment of silence to confess your personal sins to God.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.



***Giving Glory to God (The Gloria Patri)**

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.

Listening for God to Speak

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’

and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



The Word in Song **Anita Bingaman**



The Word Proclaimed **Rev. Andy Ward**

“A Stone That Makes Them Stumble”



Invitation to Christ

Coming to the Table

Communion Stewards

The table of our Lord is open to all persons who are seeking after the presence of God in their lives.

The Sharing of the Meal

As you come forward for communion, you are welcome, if you choose, to leave a special offering to support neighbors in need on the altar rail. ***The bread is gluten-free.*



***Hymn of Response**

♪ *Spirit Song - 347 - UMH*



Tithes and Offering Stewards

Celebrating God’s Gifts

The ministry we share is made possible by the faithful support of our church family. While many serve through their time and talents, we recognize that not everyone is able to do so—and your financial support is just as vital to the work we do. Your giving allows our church to continue serving those in need, sustaining our ministries, and reaching our community in meaningful ways.

If you feel led to give, we invite you to do so prayerfully. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a real and lasting difference. You can also give online at www.cityroadchapel.org/give.

***Giving Thanks for God’s Gift**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen



Prayers of the Community

- ▶ Sharing of Concerns
- ▶ The Prayers of the People
- ▶ The Lord’s Prayer



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Our Choral Benediction – (On Screen)



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