

NORTHBROOK

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May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

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May 3, 2026
Order of Worship | 11:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Leslie Bowers

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
Margareta Wesolowska

arr. John Carter

*Call to Worship

Erich Wills

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.

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

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

*Hymn

I Come with Joy

UMH 617

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin silently before God.

Silence

**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
that 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 how this is done. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came not to condemn us,
but to love us and save us and show us the way.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."

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Posted at <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>.

**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. Amen.**

**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, forever.
Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kena Newkirk

**Way-Making God,
our 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.**

Offertory

The Time for Praying
Chancel Choir

arr. Howard Helvey

*Doxology

UMH 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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Scripture

John 14:1-14

Sermon

"You Know the Way"

Rev. Jennifer Andone

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy Communion

*Hymn

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

UMH 164

*Benediction

Rev. Jennifer Andone

*Congregational Response

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage, armed with heav'nly grace.
In God's good Spirit daily to increase;
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

*Standing as able



Welcome to Northbrook! Please fill out the **“Connect Card”** located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Thank you for worshipping at Northbrook today! If you have questions or need assistance, please go to the welcome booth at the entrance to the sanctuary.

May’s Second Mile Offering supports Wesley Woods. The Wesley Woods Mother’s Day Offering provides vital financial assistance for housing and meals to residents who have exhausted their resources, chaplains who offer compassionate pastoral care, wellness nurses and programming to enhance the resident’s wellbeing and independence.

The May Prayer Focus is for senior adults and caregivers. May they feel the renewing presence and strength of God.

Happy Birthday to Margaret Henke who celebrated her 92nd birthday on May 2.

Prayer Concerns: *Submit a Prayer Request at Northbrookumc.com/prayer.*

South Georgia Wildfires	Margaret Henke	Joe Rivers
Victor Bonfim	Alissa Jaffe	Glenda Self
Jan Boyea	Giovanna Malvão	Jama Shackelford
Karen Carmody	Joey Moss	Ydandi Staneck
Virginia Fagan		Amy Turner

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dr. Chad Hunt and the Northbrook Music Ministry In honor of Saul Ibarra’s 30th birthday.

Altar flowers are made possible through your donations and dedications.





Honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or acknowledge the glory of God with altar flowers
Please consider donating today. To sign up for 2026 visit bit.ly/NUMCflowers.

Welcome to Erich Wills, Minister of Youth and Missions. Erich is a seasoned ministry leader with 15 years of experience. He comes to Northbrook from Haygood UMC in Atlanta where he has effectively served for the last 7 ½ years as the youth minister. Prior to that, Erich was the pastor-in-charge of Dry Pond UMC and Wilson's Chapel UMC. Erich is married to Rachel. They have two children, Emmie (6) and Evan (4), and live in Woodstock. Parents can get to know Erich at the May 17 youth pool party.

Choral Scholars Recital | May 31 | 3PM | Sanctuary. Join us for an afternoon of music as our Choral Interns present an engaging recital featuring Classical, Broadway, and Popular favorites! A love offering will be collected to help support the interns as they travel with the chancel choir to Europe at the end of the year.

Wednesday Night Dinner | May 6 | 5PM-6:30PM | Menu: Cheesy Beef Enchilada Casserole, Charro Beans, Mexican Rice Pilaf, Freshly Baked Cookies. **Please use the QR code below to register if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Monday at noon.**

All announcements can be accessed using the Midweek QR Code:

Midweek Newsletter	Giving	Wed Night Dinner	Align Commitment
			



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