

# March 30, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" Ralph Hudson/John Innes

Introit Chancel Choir  
"Let the Words of My Mouth" John Yarrington

\*\*Call to Worship

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
**He is the head of his body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so he might come to have first place in everything.**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**Through him, all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled to God, who was pleased to make peace through the blood of Christ's cross.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Jesus, Name above All Names" (see insert)

\*\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of ages past and present faithfulness, welcome us into your love, as we worship you this day. Draw closer to us, that we might trust your promises and follow your ways. In hope and faith, we pray. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Reading

"Jesus Is The Bread & The Light of Life" John 6:35, 8:12 (NIV)

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "His Name Is Wonderful" UMH #174

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

\*\*Gospel Reading

"Jesus Is The Gate & The Good Shepherd" John 10:9-10, 14-15 (NIV)

Offering/Offertory

"The Lily of the Valley" Carol Stewart  
William S. Hays

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**With glad hearts, we offer these gifts to you, O God. Transform them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may bring forth new life. May our offering support your work of transforming lives into the new creation you promise to all. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Reading

"Jesus Is the Resurrection, Way, Truth, & Life" John 11:25-26, 14:6-7 (NIV)

Ministry of Music

"Within the Shadow of the Cross" Chancel Choir  
Don Besig

\*\*Gospel Reading

"Jesus Is the Vine" John 15:1-5 (NIV)

Sermon

"Who Do YOU Say That I Am"

\*\*Closing Hymn "There's Something About that Name" UMH#171

\*\*Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

"Let Your Light So Shine" Chancel Choir  
John Yarrington

Postlude

"You Are My All in All" Carol Stewart  
Dennis Jernigan/Marilynn Ham



*The Altar Flowers are given by Scott & Carol Jenkins  
with thankfulness for their 55 years together.  
(In lieu of fresh flowers a donation was made to Fish Food Pantry.)*

## **“Gospel Reading – “Jesus Is The Bread & The Light of Life” – John 6:35, 8:12 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### **Dispute Over Jesus’ Testimony**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## **Gospel Reading – “Jesus Is The Gate & The Good Shepherd” – John 10:9-10, 14-15 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—  
<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

## **Gospel Reading – “Jesus Is the Resurrection, Way, Truth, & Life” – John 11:25-26, 14:6-7 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

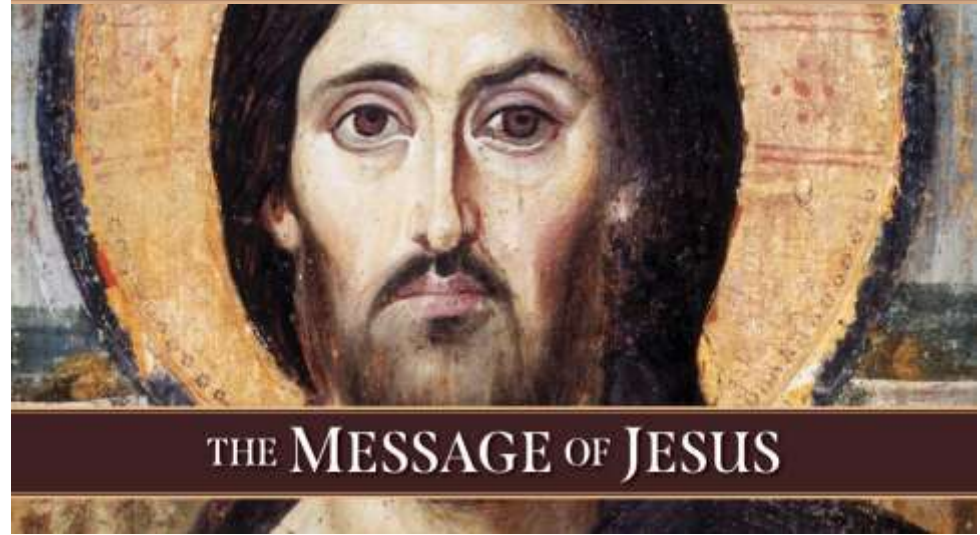
<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

## **Gospel Reading – “Jesus Is The Vine” – John 15:1-5 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

# Who Do YOU Say That I Am



### **Rev. Jeff Bandy**

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## **March 30, 2025 - Worship Team**

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Don Wolf, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 31	Boy Scouts Cub Scouts	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15C FH 15A-B
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