

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 3, 2026

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”
Arr. Hughes

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jill Rhinehart

*CENTERING WORDS

Jennifer Prince

Leader: Trusting God sounds so simple, but trust is a journey. Join the journey toward trust, for Christ will show us the way.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

People: Christ has called us here.

Leader: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

People: God is with us here.

Leader: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

People: May the Spirit guide our way.

Leader: Let us pray. Faithful God, you are our refuge and our strength, a mighty fortress in a world of chaos and turmoil. Protect us, but also encourage us to be brave. Strengthen us to face this world and to make it a better place. Inspire our worship, that in this time we may deepen our faith and place our trust in you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #370

“Victory in Jesus”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

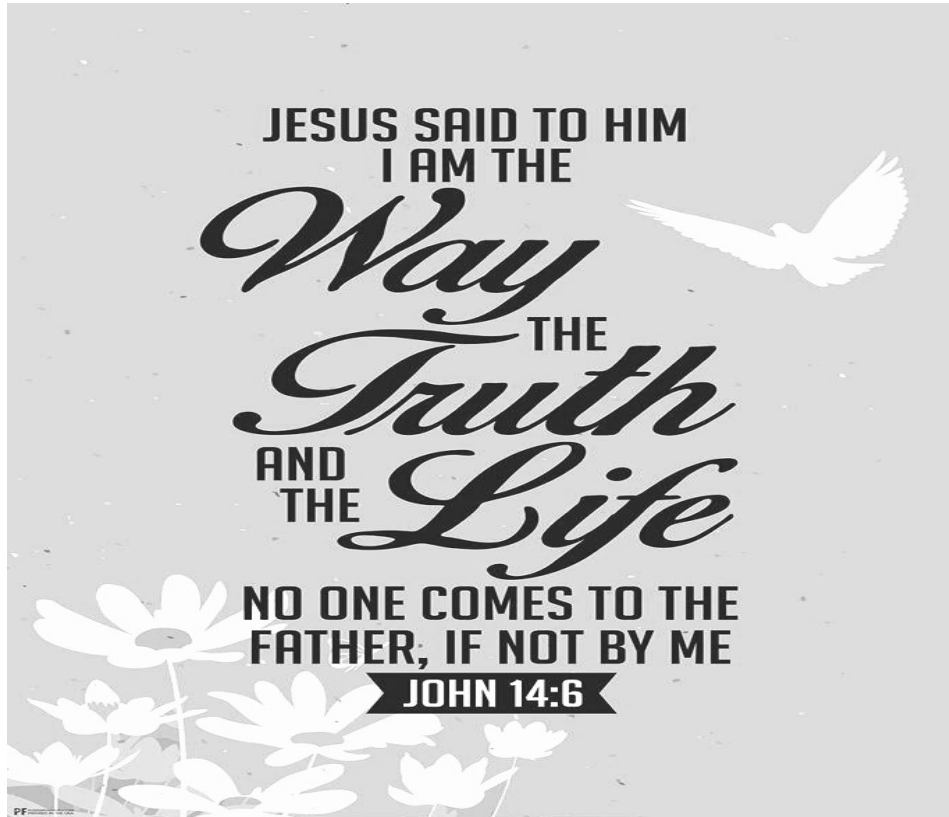
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“One Solitary Life/He Is Lord”
Bock/Fettke

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14
NT pg. 108-109



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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MESSAGE "You Know the Way"

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Akers/Bock

*DOXOLOGY

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE pg. 12-14

COMMUNION PRAYER
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION
May God bless you as you leave this place to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth, and to rejoice in the Life of the Triune God who draws us together and sends us out to be agents of Resurrection life in a hurting world. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "I Just Feel Like Something Good is About to Happen"
Gaither

*Our worship service has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by **Tim & Terri Kilmer** in loving memory of **Bill Kilmer**.

Sunday's Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers, **True Morse, Stan Boyd, Joe Early** and **Betty Jones (steward)**! Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Jane Williams**!

Our Music Director, **Becky Wilburn**, is in need of small seashells to use for crafts during our upcoming Summer Music Camp. Please bring any donations you have to the church office.

A memorial service for **Win Williamson** will be held on **May 20 at 1pm** here at Groce UMC.

Thank you for the donations of books for Bell Elementary. The librarian and staff were overwhelmed by your generosity. We are now shifting our "book drive" to WD Williams Elementary.

New Email Address: Please note that our Church Secretary, **Mariah Wright**, has a new email address. You can now reach her directly at secretary@groceumc.org.

As a reminder, please wear your **name tags** during service. This helps us all to get to know each other better and build fellowship. If you do not have one, reach out to Mariah and she will have one made for you. 828-298-7647 or secretary@groceumc.org.

Groce will have its **Italian Dinner** hosted by the UMM **THIS Saturday, May 9th, at 6 p.m.** with its lovingly prepared Italian menu and followed by a talent show. Tickets are \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door), \$7 for kids under 10, or a family rate of \$35. Get your tickets this week to get the discounted rate! Please contact the church office for reservations. To sign-up for the talent show, email **Veronica Bagwell** at vtbagwell@gmail.com.

Altar Flower Calendar - is posted on the bulletin board in the front hall. We hope you will sign up to provide flowers for worship on the Sunday of your choice!

On **June 13th** from 9am to 2pm at Groce UMC, the **Black Mountain School of Theology & Community** will conduct an initial training on the basic skills for beginning a campaign on prayerful listening across our area. Joining with other interested churches, we'll learn to begin to form stronger relationships with others, identify mutual concerns and hopes, and connect deeper with our community as we begin to build toward the goal of discerning collaborative action needed to promote the well-being of our community. These practices will help make our congregation stronger, while also allowing us to work with others to amplify our contribution to our community. Coffee, drinks, snacks, and a box lunch will be provided. Spots are limited, so please contact Mariah if you plan to attend (828-298-7647 or secretary@groceumc.org).

Jawing with Jill—Join Rev. Jill Rhinehart at the parsonage (70 Fairway Dr.) on **May 19th at 5:30pm** for casual discussion and spiritual renewal! Everyone is welcome.

Summer Music Camp registrations are now open! Held July 13-17, for children ages 5-12 and cost is \$40 per child, with a discounted rate for more than one child in a household. Scholarships are available! Contact the office or go to www.groceumc.org/musiccamp.

CHURCH CALENDAR: MAY 3-9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00: Agape Sunday School Class 10:30: Worship Service 5:00: Youth	11:00: Prayer Group 1:00: Canasta 3:00: Handbells 7:00: Beekeepers	10:00: Parkin-sons 10:30: Craft-ers 11:00: Staff Meeting 1:30: Tai Chi 7:00: SMBB	10:00: Balance 11:30: Tables of 16 4:00: Nurture 5:30: Men's Chorus 6:00: AA 6:00: Choir	10:30: Isaac Group 1:30: Tai Chi 5:00: Wel-come Table 6:30: UMM 6:45: Cub Scouts	3:00: Tail-gate Market 4:30: Quin-tet	6:00: Italian Dinner and Talent Show 