



Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21214

Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Wanda Mitchell

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The sun rises, shining brightly in the east. The whole earth reveals the wonders of the Lord.

Everything bears witness to the mystery of God. Raising our eyes to heaven, we see Creation.

With hearts full of joy, we recite our prayers. We look to the Lord for illumination and guidance.

All: We praise You, O God, for you are holy. Wondrous are your words and deeds; we want to follow your path to righteous living.

*OPENING HYMN: FWS #2214 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION: **God of mercy, we confess our ongoing resistance to your transforming power. We are unwilling to lay aside our pointless endeavors and meaningless lives in order to become holy people, empowered and eager to do your will. Forgive us, we pray and open us up to your gracious desire and offer to change us into new creatures. Change us into the image of Christ, until we are finally ready to accept your tender mercies and abundant new life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS: Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS# 2065: "More Precious than Silver"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

COMMUNION HYMN: UMH # 618 Let Us Break Bread Together"

COMMUNION : UMH p.12-15

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2282 "I'll Fly Away"

Thought for your journey: *Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."* Habakkuk 3:18
I can rejoice even in bad circumstances because God is with me.

Scripture Lessons for May 10, 2026:

- Acts 17 22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

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Results will be shared in 3-4 weeks.

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