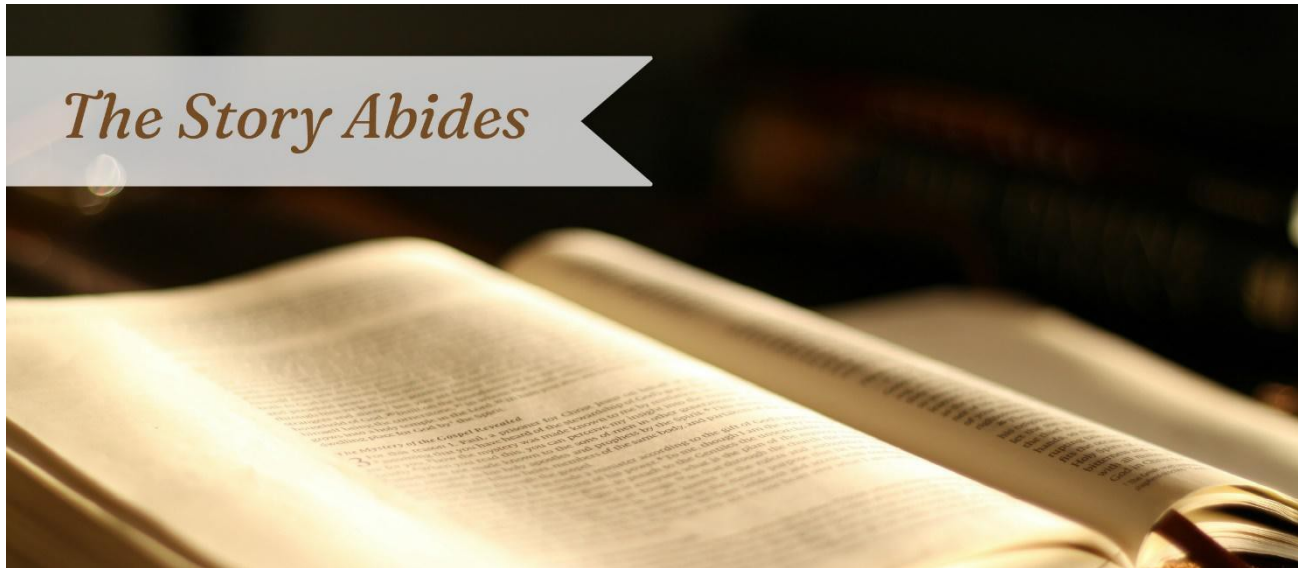


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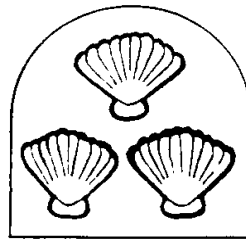
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May 10, 2026
9:30 am
“The Story Abides”
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Director of Music Ministry: Kelli Young | Guest Accompanist: Rosemary L. Sutter
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Gathering

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Offered by Rosemary L. Sutter*
Arr. Phillip Keveren
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Welcome *Jan Petrosch*

Introit "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" *Handbell Choir*
S. Sullivan, arr. by Frances L. Callahan

Call to Worship *Jan Petrosch*
Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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

Opening Prayer *Jan Petrosch*
God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be – poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.

Written by Lutheran Julia and posted on RevGalBlogPals. Re-posted on the re:Worship website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/05/prayer-eternal-love.html><https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/05/prayer-eternal-love.html>

***Opening Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *UMH 384*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
Set our heart at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,

2*Please stand as able

glory in thy perfect love.

Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Prayer of Confession

Jan Petrosch

Eternal God, Creator of all that is, in you, we live and move and have our being. You have placed us on earth and sustained our being through the produce of the land and the cleanness of the air we breathe. You have made us for each other, to tend and care for the weak and ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources. But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people who hoard what the earth provides and seem loathe to share the fruits of our labours, who live for today with little thought for tomorrow, who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us. Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace, you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow. You embrace us in all our sinfulness. And, in doing so, give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made. Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness, and forgiven, seek to forgive others and to live a life of reconciling love modelled on the example of Jesus Christ, in whose name we make this prayer. Amen.

Written by the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday,
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/02/prayer-of-confession-reconciliation.htmlhttps://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/02/prayer-of-confession-reconciliation.html>.

Passing the Peace

Jan Petrosch

The peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture

1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 (NRSVue)

Jan Petrosch

Word in Music

Calypso on "He Leadeth Me"

Handbell Choir

William B. Bradbury, arr. by Tammy Waldrop (ASCAP)
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Message

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Prayer of Intercession

Jan Petrosch

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

"Canon of Praise"

Chancel and Handbell Choir

Natalie Sleeth
Handbell part alt. Kathy Lowrie
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*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit Alleluia alleluia alleluia
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Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

2. Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Refrain

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This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

3. Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with his goodness lost in his love

Refrain

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

4*Please stand as able

According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance.

Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

Household Prayer: Morning

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ.

Make me eager to do good and to resist evil,
and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference.

Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me
in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being,
you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer;

you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone.

As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and fill me with your strength,
that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. Amen.

Resources: Stories That Matter @ UMC Discipleship Ministries

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/stories-that-matter>

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