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Worship – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 16, 2025 Sermon Series: "I Am: Encountering Christ"

Greeting

**Musical Introit** 

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

People: We trust in God; we trust also in Christ.

Leader: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. **People: We come to follow where he leads.** 

## \*Opening Prayer

Faithful God, in a world filled with uncertainty, you speak peace to our troubled hearts. You remind us that we are not alone, for you go before us to prepare the way. Guide us by your truth, strengthen us in your love, and lead us into the life that never ends—life found in you alone. Through Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.

\*Song of Praise

"Amazing Grace"

**UMH 378 (v.1-4)** 

Affirmation of Faith

(UMH 883)

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-7

(see addendum below)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Reflection

Doug Bischoff

Sermon "Knowing the Truth and the Way Home"

Rev. Amanda McMurtrey

**Song of Response** 

"In The Cross"

**UMH 301** 

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

## 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 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*.

Giving Praise to God For Our Blessings

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Benediction & Sending Forth

\*Song of Sending Forth

"He Leadeth Me"

**UMH 128** 

## **John 14:1-7 (CEB)**

<sup>1</sup>"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place I'm going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."