

FUMC San Benito 3rd Core Belief:

A community shaped by scriptures, tradition, reason and experience, and by the Living Word of God revealed in Jesus Christ.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either
On YouTube Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*Congregation, please stand if able

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

*Point to Ponder: In our eagerness to think outside the box, we
sometimes forget the box.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY**

Rudy Hyde

Leader: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of
our souls.

**People: The one who has created us, who sustains us, who
redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and
bad, and who calls us to follow.**

Leader: This is our God! Let's worship Him together!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 432

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: O God who labors without
ceasing, to bring all people into wholeness and into oneness
with you, we confess our reluctance to live in unity with all
your people. Help us to overcome the scandal of our pride –
the pride of race, creed, class, and color – We desire to be
your church might be a worthy witness to your good news of
love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Head.**

A moment of silence your personal prayer of confession

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Ever-present God who speaks in thunder and earthquakes and in the softest whisper: we long to hear your voice over all the noise of the world this day. In a world so divided and polarized, we need to hear not only the voice of the Shepherd but the cries of other sheep who are being marginalized, forgotten, and abandoned. May the gifts we offer today be our response to hearing the one who speaks in the language of love and compassion. In his holy name, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for Month of May

Mathew 6:34

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Mathew 6:34

EPISTLE LESSON

Dave Porter

1 John 3:16-24

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Get in the Box"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

TFWS 2159

"Jesus, Draw Me Close"

HOLY COMMUNION

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**100% OF YOUR GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
GOES TO
“THE GOOD NEIGHBOR SETTLEMENT HOUSE”**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

TFWS 2226

“Bind Us Together Lord”

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.

People: Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Pastor: And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™