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* Please rise in body or in spirit

“The Way Home”

Week Four

March 15, 2026

WE GATHER

Meeting One Another on The Way

Prelude “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Hanna Noh

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Together *Threshold Moment*

“A Wilderness Wandering People”

Leader: We continue our worship series that invites us to contemplate our journeys in life. Yet even in the midst of journeys, we never lose a desire for “home.” No matter what we call “home” in this physical world, we yearn for a spiritual home within that offers serenity, acceptance, and belonging without question. The extravagant acceptance of the father for the son in Jesus’ parable of the wandering son is difficult for us to believe sometimes—that no matter what we have done, who we are, how far we are from what we want to become, we are welcomed home by the Loving Parent.

[sung]

**We are a wilderness wandering people
on a journey of the soul.
May we find our destination
in our longing to be whole.
Our Holy God is calling to us.
With Jesus by our side
may compassion be our compass;
may the Spirit be our guide,
on The Way,
on The Way,
on The Way.**

Prayer for the Path

**Our God who is our Home,
be with us on The Way.
At times we aren't sure about
the relationship of the road we travel
and the home we seek.
Will we ever feel like we have arrived?
We come hoping for the hearth of acceptance
in the home that Jesus promises.
And whether we are feeling lost or at home,
may we know you are always with us.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn UMH 128 – He Leadeth Me vs. 1 & 2

Greeting Each Other

Leader: The best part of having companions on The Way is the sharing that we get to do that makes us feel just a little less alone. During this series, we will share answers to a common question with each other. I invite you to turn to someone you did not come to church with and answer this question: “What does ‘home’ feel like to you?”

WE PROCLAIM

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11b-32 (The Voice)

Choir Anthem “Lead Me Home”

Sermon “The Way Home” Rev. Yohan Go

WE RESPOND

Opening to the Holy on The Way

Sharing Joy and Concerns

Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way

Leader: In our prayer, we ask God to “be the air I breathe.” When God is our very breath, we are always Home, even in the midst of feeling lost. We ask to be freed to receive this sense of home that is Love. Close your eyes and take a deep breath. Breathe in. Breathe out. Know that God is with you.

In this season of Lent, we will begin our prayers with a simple ritual of confession, a moment of personal reflection, and then we will lift our concerns and joys before God.

UMH #488 Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom. (x2)

Confession at the Cross

Leader: As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we return to God again and again. In a moment, I invite you to come forward, as you are able, and take a ceramic shard. Hold it in your hands, and in the silence, offer your confession to God. Then place it upon the cross near the chancel—an outward sign of an inward turning, and a witness to our trust that God is still at work among us. In Christ, even our brokenness is gathered, formed, and reformed into something beautiful: a mosaic cross of grace.

Ritual of Return

Communal Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray.

All (or Leader/People):
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned—
in what we have done, and in what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may walk in your ways
and live in your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: No matter how worthy you feel of God's acceptance, you have it because that is just the way Love works. Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it, Jesus is with you now because Jesus knows God's welcome and shared it without hesitation. You are forgiven because Love *is* Home, no matter how far you think you've strayed. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Be Still and Know That I Am God

[sung together]

Be Still and Know That I Am God
You are my chosen one to whom I love
I give my life is yours in you
Be Still, Be still

And know that I Am God

Praying for Others Along the Way (Pastoral Prayer)

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

Continuing with Jesus on The Way

Offering "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

Doxology [Tune: Old 100th]

**Praise God, Creator of us all,
Praise Christ, by whom we hear our call,
Praise Spirit, that which sets us free,
Our awe is yours, the One-in-Three.**

Offering Prayer Rev. Yohan Go

Closing Hymn UMH 130 – God Will Take Care of You vs. 1 & 2

Benediction

Our blessing, or "benediction," for this season is a call and response form.

Your response is:

"We will follow on The Way."

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The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

We will follow on The Way.

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

We will follow on The Way.

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

We will follow on The Way.

May this week be filled with opportunities to choose

to love in ways you never thought possible,
so that Home is anywhere you go.
May it be so. Amen.
“Buen Camino!”

Postlude “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Hanna Noh

Announcements

- The worship leader for Sunday, March 22nd is Alice Pace.
- **Holy Week Worship Schedule**
 - **Maundy Thursday Worship:** Thursday, April 2, at Zion Church — Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m. / Worship at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Good Friday English Worship:** Friday, April 3, at Asbury UMC — 6:00 p.m.
 - **Easter Worship: Sunday,** April 5, at 9:30 a.m.
- **Pastor’s schedule:** Wesley heritage Journey (15–24)

Birthdays

17th Colleen Cone
18th Tyler Perry
19th Samuel Seymour

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy MacDonald by her daughter Marilyn.