

## Musical Meditation for May 10

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Bible Readings** (from PCUSA Revised Common Lectionary Readings)

Acts 7:55–60

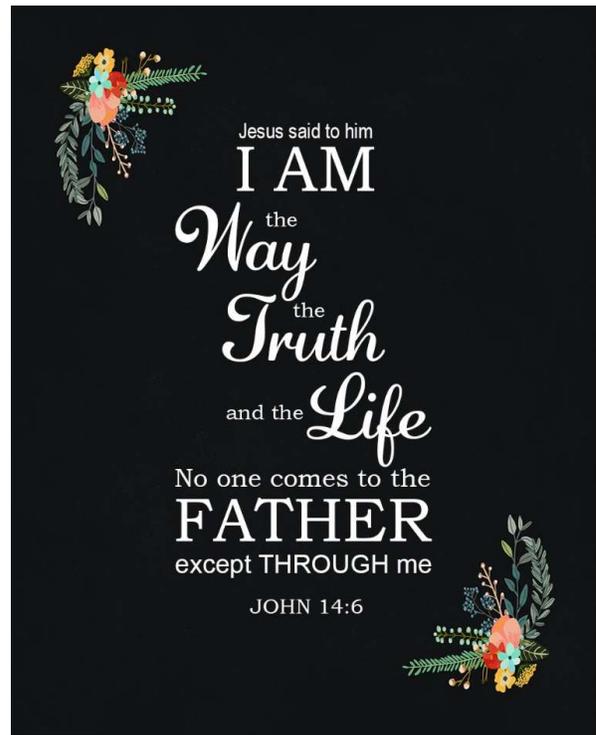
Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

**Music Selection: "John 14:6"** Choral Anthem by Kevin Hofer and Henry Wiens, arranged by the composers and Scott Malchow. Published by Word Music, 1987.

The service recording of this piece for streaming broadcast on May 10 complies with the <https://musicservices.org/faq/free-license-covid-19> requirements of the publisher, Word Music



### **Thoughts**

John 14:1-14 is set in Holy Week, and follows the washing of feet and the first communion, and the declaration to Peter that “before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times”. Jesus discusses the immediate future with the disciples charging them to act in his name when he is gone so that “the Father may be glorified in the Son”. During this, Jesus says to Thomas, who is concerned that he does not know where Jesus is going and wants to know the way, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” These words form the text of the music selection for this week, which is a soft jazz piece performed by a subset of the choir accompanied by piano and rhythm.

*For our prayers, look to Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As per his charge, we should follow his example in works we do to support his mission in our world. Let’s also continue to pray for recovery of the still-increasing numbers of people worldwide affected by COVID-19, and for families that are impacted by the loss of loved ones, “social distancing”, and economic hardships. For guidance to our leaders as they struggle to “reopen” our society in a safe, reasonable way. For medical and service workers who need our support and prayers; they are continuing their labors, at personal risk, to heal the sick and keep our society functioning, ensuring that basic needs for food and shelter are met on a continuing basis. And, finally, we should continue taking our personal concerns to God.*