

April 19, 2026: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS ~ CONCERNS
~ GOD MOMENTS~**

† **HYMN “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”** UMH #304
The Light of Christ Enters

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Wonderful God, companion on our life’s journey,
Open our ears to Your word,
awaken our hearts to Your love, and
refresh our spirits in Your presence,
That as You call us to live our faith,
we may be astounded by and happily share
The grace already encompassing us. Amen.**

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD* ~~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 UMH #837

CHORAL HYMN “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH #402

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

INTERACTIVE TIME

† **HYMN “Open Our Eyes”** TFWS #2086 (2x)

MESSAGE “Astounded Us”

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

**A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST
CHURCH** UMH #884

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

† **Doxology** UMH #95

**OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

UMH #895

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

~~ *SENDING FORTH* ~~

† **HYMN** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS #2158
The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World

† **BENEDICTION**

† Postlude “Shalom to You” UMH #666

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

Scriptures for April 26, 2026 (4th Sunday of Easter):

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-34; Psalm 100; 1 Peter 2:19-25;

John 10:1-10

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ *ANNOUNCEMENTS* ~~

TODAY:

8:15(ish) Georgetown UMC Administrative Board

9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC

10:30 am Worship – South Otselic UMC

WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

† **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm
out of office May 6, 7, 28

† **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3rd Sunday 8:15 am;
South Otselic, 4th Sunday 11:45(ish) am

† **Food Pantry** – 3rd Thursday each month 3-6 pm
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941

† **Sunshine Shop** Thu & Fri 10-4; Sat 9-noon
– Next open May 7-9, May 21-23, Jun 4-6, Jun 18-20
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.

† **Community Lunch** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, noon, South
Otselic UMC; *May 7, May 21, Jun 4, Jun 18*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

† **Church Cleanup** – South Otselic UMC, 9 am, April 25
(rain date May 2)

† **OVFHD** – May 16

PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):

From 4/12 – Betty Benson, Travis Sheldon, family of Dan Faulkner, family of George Dobson

From 4/5 – Nikko Baker, Robert Harris, Chris Marquard, Brad & Justine Moyer, Matt Sheldon, Melody Smith, Dr. Kalil & family, family of Paul Carson, family of Isaac Cook, family of Sharon Stevens

From 3/29 – Rich Harris, Dustin Spear

From 3/22 – Angela Harris, Harvey Stalker, Jim Slocum, Dick Thorp, family of Tom Thorp, deployed military

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, Richard Bishop, David Boyer, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Kevin Grewe, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Justin Sheldon, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Ella Simmons, Jim Slocum, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

April: 25-Carole Roalef, Dustin Spear; 26-Tyler Davis

May: 10-Donna Chuddley, Gary Hart; 19-Gail Tooker;

22-Leah Kalin; 25-Todd Bachman;

27-Shawna Manwarren; 28-Harold White



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Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

UMH #837

- 1 I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,
- 2 and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.
- 3 **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"
- 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?
- 13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- 15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 **I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**
- 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- 19 **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Praise the Lord!

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

NRSV

^{14a} But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1:17-23

NRSV

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.