

April 26, 2026: 4th Sunday of Easter

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

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

† **HYMN** “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

The Light of Christ Enters

UMH #136

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Beloved Shepherd, as we gather as Your flock today,
Open our ears to Your word, awaken our hearts to Your
grace, and refresh our spirits in Your presence,
That as You call us to live our faith, we may know Your
voice and boldly share the love You so freely give us.
Amen.

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 25-34

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 100

UMH #821

CHORAL HYMN “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

UMH #128

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10

INTERACTIVE TIME

Love Boldly

† **HYMN** “Lead Me, Lord”

UMH #473

MESSAGE “Knowing that Voice”

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

UMH #886

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** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” UMH #672
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 May 3, 2026 (5th Sunday of Easter):

Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-20; 1 Peter 2:2-10;

John 14:1-14

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

TODAY:

9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC

10:30 am Worship – South Otselic UMC

11:45(ish) South Otselic UMC Administrative Board

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 Apr 30 - May 2, May 14-16, Jun 4-6
– 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

† **Memorial Day Parade** – May 25

PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):

From 4/19 – Betty Benson, Fran Knickerbocker, Lisa Prentice, Jim Slocum, Harvey Stalker

From 4/12 – 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

(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, Harvey Stalker, 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: 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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Knowing That Voice



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Psalm 110

UMH #821

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

² **Serve the Lord with gladness!
come into God's presence with singing!**

³ Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's;
we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴ Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 25-34

NRSVUE

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.

¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the

mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁵ I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely.

²⁶ I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing.

²⁷ The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil, and they shall know that I am the Lord when I break the bars of their yoke and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them.

²⁸ They shall no more be plunder for the nations, nor shall the animals of the land devour them; they shall live in safety, and no one shall make them afraid.

²⁹ I will provide for them a splendid vegetation so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land and no longer suffer the insults of the nations.

³⁰ They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God.

³¹ You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.

1 Peter 2:19-25

NRSV

¹⁹ For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

NRSV

¹ Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."