



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

Sunday, April 26, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

4th Sunday of Easter

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist: Corky Forney*

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

All: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the lush green meadows of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

All: to walk with him through death's dark valley into new life.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

All: the community we could be and the abundant life prepared for us!

INVOCATION

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* Gray #689 vs. 1,4,5

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God;

We have wandered from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all people.

Lead us from the place of sin and death to the place of abundant life.

Guided by your care for us, may we offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: Jesus said: My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

PSALM (Unison, with sung antiphon) Psalm 23

"Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal #2058

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

"Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal #2058

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

"Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal #2058

You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

"Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal #2058

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

"Shepherd Me, O God" Black hymnal #2058

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10

***HYMN** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Gray #522 vs. 1,2,4

SERMON "Shepherd Me, O God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**RECOGNITION OF LONGEVITY in life, marriage and
membership**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* Gray #635

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table
at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of
our church and the needs of
the world through the gifts of
our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** (Twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all
involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving.
And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish,
Eleanor Kraft, Pat Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi,
Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker,
Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber, and family & friends of Gary Cook.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355

Offering collection from April 19, 2026: \$3,741

Current: \$1,529 Benevolent: \$3

Chicken BBQ: \$2,209

Attendance on Sunday, April 19, 2026: 45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Ted is away for a family funeral this weekend. We are grateful to **Rev. Lynn Morgan leading worship & preaching today.**
- **Today we are celebrating Senior Recognition Sunday** when we honor long-time members as well long lives and marriages. **There will be a coffee hour after the service** in the Gathering Room.
- **Dunkirk Camp registration** is open. Whether you're looking for youth camps, adult camps, family weeks, or weekend retreats, there's something for everyone. See bulletin board for information.
- **A memory book is being compiled for Ted.** If anyone would like to share a memory, a picture, or just wish Ted luck, forms are available on the table across from the door to the sanctuary. All forms must be returned by May 10 (Mother's Day). Forms should be returned to the church office. *If you are sending a photo, please remember to submit a copy as photos will not be returned.
- **Men's Group** will meet on May 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
- **Meditation for strength** classes: Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. May 25th – June 29th. See bulletin board outside Church office.