

April 21, 2024



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**"Green Pastures, Still Waters, Right Paths:  
God's Magnificent Creation"**

Psalm 23

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

**Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022**

Also streaming live at [YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch)



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Earth Day Celebration

10 AM

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*Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**                      *For the Fruit of All Creation* (F. Stoldt)                      Marcia Snavelly, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

**Introit**                      *Opening* (B. Chilcott)                      Federated Choir; Marcia Snavelly, piano

\* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*)                      Rev. Dan Kershner

One: Morning has broken!

**All: We gather to greet the new day by praising God.**

One: God created us for relationship—relationship with God, ourselves, and others,  
including the Earth.

**All: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: We seek to care for our siblings around the world and God's good creation.

**All: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

One: May we commit to new ways of honoring God's creation as a means of sharing  
Jesus' transforming love.

**All: And let us seek God's grace, justice, and mercy for all.**

\* **Passing of Christ's Peace**  
(Children in K-8 leave for Sunday School)

\* **Hymn**                      *God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*                      No. 70

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)                      Rev. Kershner

**Creator God,**

**we give you thanks for the great abundance  
and nourishment that you provide  
through your creation and your great love.**

**As we come together to worship you,  
reveal to us ways we can honor you and your created world.**

**Inspire our worship and shape our lives  
to reveal your magnificence. Amen.**

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\* Those who are able stand

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## Recognition of Federated Church as a Creation Justice Church

Dawn Dole,  
Sunny Doxey, Dan Kershner, Maren Koepf, Diane Tuuri, Mary Ann Viveros

### Federated Covenant of Creation Justice (unison)

Rev. Kershner

**We, the people of Federated Church, declare our sacred connection to God, each other, and the world around us. In response to God's call to be stewards of God's creation, we commit ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to care responsibly for creation and seek justice for those unjustly and unequally affected by human abuses of creations.**

**With collective resolve, we covenant to continuously promote awareness, advocacy, and action to heal, renew, and protect the Earth and its people and demonstrate our covenant in all that we do.**

**With courage, hope, and joy, trusting God's spirit to empower us, we promise to keep Creation Care and Justice at the forefront of all our conversations, policies, practices, and decisions and build it into the fabric of our church.**

### Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Kershner

### Anthem and Liturgical Dance

*God Is There* (Mary K. Beall)

Federated Choir

Dawn Dole and Linda Nichols, dancers; Marcia Snavelly, piano

- \* **Doxology** *Halle-Halle-Halleluja*  
**Halle, Halle, Halleluja (x3)**  
**Halleluja, Halleluja**

No. 41

- \* **Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Throckmorton

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Kershner

#### 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

* <b>Hymn</b>	<i>My Shepherd, You Supply My Need</i>	No. 80
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 23 ( <i>responsive, with Sung Response 1</i> )	No. 734
<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Throckmorton
* <b>Hymn</b>	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	No. 61
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Throckmorton
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> (R. Lind)	Marcia Snively, organ

~ **Departing to Service** ~

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, April 28, 10 AM**

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

**Reception of New Members**

John 15:1-8;

"Abide in Me as I Abide in You"

*If you do not wish to take it home, please recycle your bulletin in the recycling bin in the narthex on your way out.*