

A Closer Look at Thanksgiving

By Joyce Rupp

Taken from "The Circle of Life" book

If you look at a sunset, you might see only the disappearance of daylight.
If you look beneath, you may see darkness opening the splendor of stars.
If you look at illness and disease, you might see only physical diminishment.
If you look beneath, you may see it as a teacher bringing you vital wisdom.
If you look at a broken relationship, you might see only a harsh ending.
If you look beneath, you may see the courageous seeds of new growth.
If you look at lost dreams, you might see only disappointment and doubt.
If you look beneath, you may see the stuff that new dreams contain.
If you look at the death of a loved one, you might see only pervasive sorrow.
If you look beneath, you may see that love lives on forever in the heart.
If you look at the planet's pain and creatures' woe, you might see only despair.
If you look beneath, you may see hope woven in the compassionate care of many.
If you look at yourself, you might see only tarnished unfinishedness.
If you look beneath, you may see your basic goodness shining there.
If you look for the divine being, you might see mostly unresolved questions.
If you look beneath, you may be astounded at the availability of divine love.

Thanksgiving is a time to look beneath our external lives for the unwavering love, the ceaseless peace, and the enduring strength that lie in the deep waters of our soul. The more we trust the "unknowable depths" of our existence, the more the power of gratitude becomes a song we daily sing. With what do you struggle today? What might lie beneath that struggle for which you can give thanks?



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10:00 AM

Welcome
Visitors!

We are delighted to have you in our service this morning! Every Sunday, we are privileged to have people attending our church for the first time and we want you to feel welcome among us.

PLEASE SIGN THE FELLOWSHIP BOOK

found in the pews. We would like to know of your presence this morning.

PLEASE SHARE PRAYER JOYS/

CONCERNS on the Prayer card; they will be included in the Prayers of the People during the service, and added to the Prayer Chain.

A PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS AVAILABLE. WORSHIP BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN

are available. Contact an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SERMON

TAPES are available by contacting the church office.

If you are in need of **Pastoral Care** or know someone who is, please call the church (419-475-4436).



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."



Christ The King

SILENT REFLECTION

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

GREETINGS

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT ~ #525 (refrain only)

"Here I Am, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcia Young, Liturgist

O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let's make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let's come into God's presence with thanksgiving! Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture!

O that today we would listen to God's voice!

It's Tea Time Ladies! ~ We are taking reservations for a high tea at the Casey-Pomeroy House in downtown Toledo on North Huron Street for December 11th at 12:30pm. The cost of is \$25.00. This is the annual fund raiser for the Historic Vistula Foundation. After the tea we will be taking a tour to view the renovations to this historic house. It is important that you get your reservations in right away. Please give Kay Amendola your money with your reservations. See you there!

Congregational Meeting Scheduled ~ Join us on Sunday, December 11th after the worship service for our congregational meeting held for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons and for approving Rev. Pat's 2012 Salary Package.

Number who worshiped with us on Sunday, November 13, 2011 : 115

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Agnes McKinstry & Chris Roebuck, Marilyn McAfee, Fred King

TODAY'S GREETER: Louise Hughes

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Joyce Koback & Michael Henning

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Bill Henning & Michael Henning, William Henning, Judy Baker

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Patty Reiter

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST &

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS: Members of the Confirmation Class

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOURS HOSTS: Dick Schroeder & Bonnie Buehrer

Special Announcements

Church Office Closed ~ The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, 2011.

The Angel Tree ~ Don't forget to stop by the Angel Tree and help by fulfilling a Christmas wish for a family in need. Choose an angel with an item listed, purchase it, wrap it and return it to the church with the angel attached. Let's see all those gifts piled under the Angel Tree by December 4th.

Mid-Week Advent Worship ~ Join us for our Mid-Week Advent Worship service followed by a Cookie Fellowship starting on Wednesday November 30th. We will meet on the following Wednesdays at 7pm: December 7, 14, and 21.

Combined Elder/Deacon Meeting ~ Attention Elders and Deacons we will be having a combined meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm in the Commons.

Fill the Bags for Christmas Baskets ~ November 20th we need your help this year as we will be packing Christmas baskets on December 8 & 9 and are in need of several items to fill these baskets. The Deacons have put together some brown bags for you to take home (located on the Welcome Center) and fill up and bring back to the church by November 27th. Listed below are the items they are requesting and please feel free to choose from this list: shampoo, cake mix, juice, canned spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup, sausage links, cookies, hot chocolate, scalloped potatoes, macaroni & cheese, deodorant, laundry soap, boneless hams, turkeys, and individually wrapped Christmas candies.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

Your work, O God, surrounds us; we respond with praise. Your love, O God, is visible; we respond in faith. Your word, O God, is calling; we respond in hope. The wind of Your Spirit is blowing; we respond with joy.

***HYMN #551**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. David C. Young

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy God, I confess that I have so often allowed selfish and unclean thoughts to enter my mind and influence my deeds. I have concealed my real motives, pretending to be better than I really am. Often my honesty is only a matter of policy. Too often I do good deeds only that they may be seen by others, and I avoid evil deeds only because I'm afraid they will be found out. O Holy God, let the fire of Your love come to fill my heart. Burn up the wrongness and hypocrisy inside me. Open up my heart to receive Your love and forgiveness. Enable me to be more sure of You, and more welcoming for Your directions: through Jesus Christ our Lord..

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. David C. Young

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri #579

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Cindy Bosley-Smith

KID'S FOR CHRIST ~ The children that are in Preschool through second grade are dismissed to go with their teacher to their class which will be held in the blue room #104.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Marcia Young, Liturgist
pg.1341 (OT) in the pew Bible

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16

ANTHEM

"Gather Us In"

The Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING
SERMON**

**Ephesians 1:15-23
"The Eyes of Your Heart"**

pg. 1818(NT) in the pew Bible
Rev. David Cook Young

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN #324** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed** pg. 14 of your Hymnal
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Marcia Young

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Marcia Young

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #554** "Let All Things Now Living"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— "Sanctuary" (sing twice through)**

Lord prepare me, to be a Sanctuary
Pure and Holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent; Communion by Intinction and the Praise Band will provide the music. Advent Wreath Lighters & Liturgists: Members of the Confirmation Class

Texts: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Calendar for the Week of November 21—27, 2011

Monday, Nov. 21 ~ Adult Co-Ed Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons
Alpha Omega Circle 4pm in lounge
Tuesday, Nov. 22 ~ Preschool Thanksgiving Feast in the Commons
Wednesday, Nov. 23 ~ Preschool Thanksgiving Feast in the Commons
Thursday, Nov. 24 ~ Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
Friday, Nov. 25 ~ Church Office Closed
No Food Pantry
Sunday, Nov. 26 ~ First Sunday of Advent; Communion by Intinction and
the Praise Band to provide the music

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30AM-12:30PM

FOR ADULTS:
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:
Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs.old).....(available 9:45am-11:15 pm).....Rm.105

Join us for Coffee Hour/Friendship Time at 11:10am in the Commons.

Visit **THE CARD TABLE** in the narthex to sign or request cards to remember members of the Fairgreen family. Are you in need of prayer? The **FAIRGREEN PRAYER CHAIN** is here for you. Call Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or Woody Cole at 419-833-1394 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.