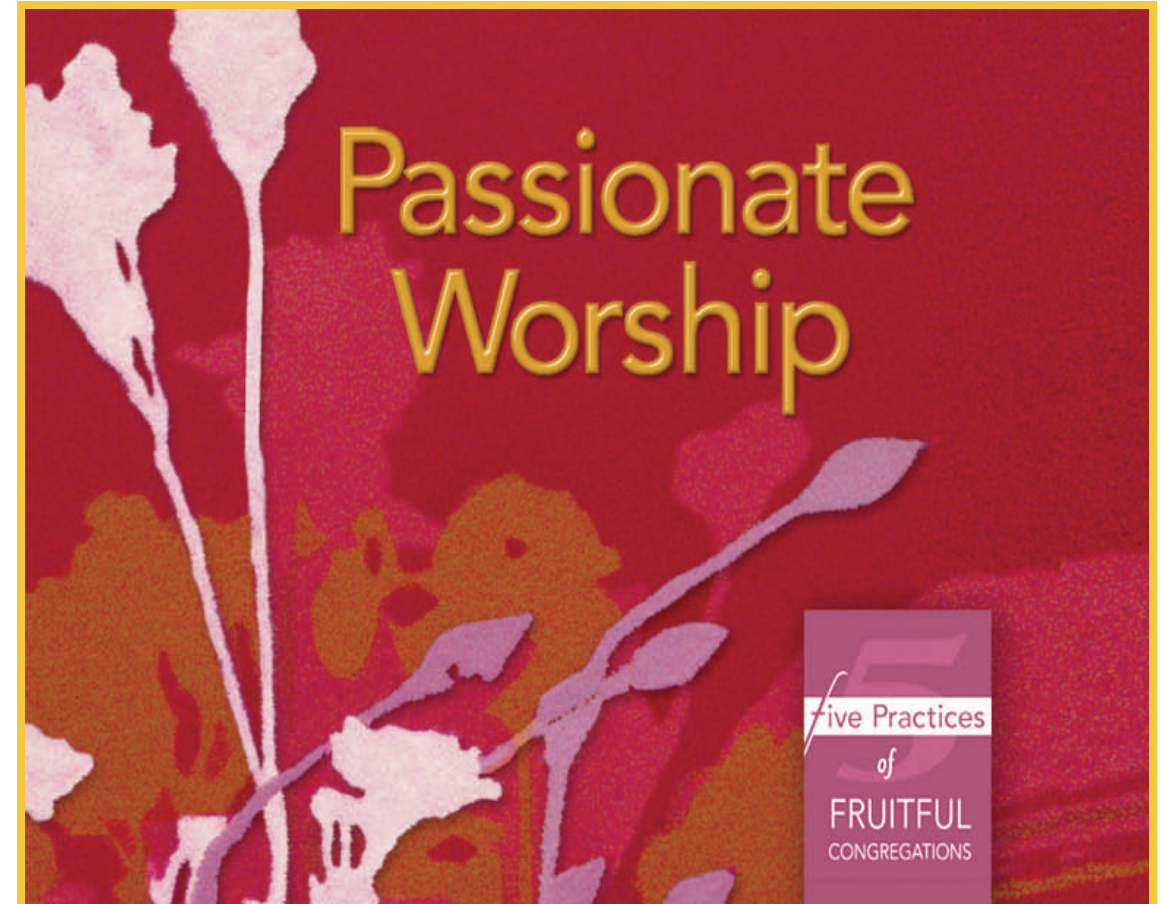


## The Practice of PASSIONATE WORSHIP

*Worship* describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ. God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, and bind people to one another.

The word *passionate* expresses an intense desire, an ardent spirit, strong feelings, and the sense of heightened importance. It describes an emotional connection that goes beyond intellectual consent bringing eagerness, anticipation, expectancy, deep commitment, and belief.

*Passionate Worship*, whether traditional or contemporary, means an extraordinary eagerness to offer the best in worship, honoring God with excellence and with an unusual clarity about the purpose of connecting people to God. It is worship that is not dry, routine, or boring, keeping the form while lacking the spirit. It is not performance; it is devotion and celebration expressing our love of God.



*March 7, 2010*

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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 Rev. Pat at the church (419-475-4436) or home (419-534-3739) or her cell (419-215-2939).

10:00 AM



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



Third Sunday in Lent

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please sign fellowship book found in pews.**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tim Eichenauer, Liturgist

How beautiful it is to be in the house of the Lord!

**My soul longs for the presence of the Lord, my God.**

How blessed are those in whom the Lord dwells.

**For we are the stewards of the Lord's favor.**

Better is one day in the house of the Lord,

**Than thousands of days elsewhere!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Holy God, we gather today to sing of your wonders. We gather to bask in the glorious light of your salvation. We gather to be transformed after your own image, to be a people after your own heart. Help us, Lord, never to be content with what we've seen. Give us a never-ending hunger for your presence and your love. Let us overflow**

**Number who worshiped with us on February 28, 2010: 69**

TODAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ John MacPherson, Betty Geniac, Linda Hoover

TODAY'S GREETERS: Fred & Patti Nordhoff

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Bill Henning, William & Michael Henning

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Jack & Betty Close

NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Christy Ott

Special Announcements

Daylight Savings Time ~ Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday March 13th in the evening.

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ All men join us on Saturday, March 20th from 8-9am in the lounge for a time fellowship, prayer and studying 1 John.

Lenten Bible Study ~ Join Rev. Pat as we do several weeks of Lenten studies during the Sunday School Hour. We will be using a new resource by John Indermark where we will explore some of the people we don't usually hear about during worship on a Sunday morning. Each week we will study 3 Biblical characters to see just what they have to tell us about living in a relationship with God.

Easter Plants for Sanctuary ~ You will find a sign-up sheet located on the Welcome Center and also on the church office door where you can sign up for Easter plants that will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday April 4th. All orders and money must be in by Sunday, March 14th. The prices are as follows: Lilies 6" ~ \$6.50 7" ~ \$11.00; Tulips 6" ~ \$5.75; Mums 6" ~ \$5.75

Lenten Soup Suppers ~ We will be gathering for Soup Suppers on the following Wednesdays: March 10, 17, 24, and Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 6:30pm followed by a Worship service and communion at 7:15pm. Our theme this year is "creating a clearing space" in our lives as we look inward exploring our relationship with God. Let's all come and break bread together. The younger church will join us for worship and then be dismissed for their own specially designed activities. There is a need for soups and salads on the following dates: March 10 ~ 3 soups and 2 salads; March 17 ~ 4 soups and 3 salads. You can sign up at the Welcome Center

Art Museum Trip ~ We will be going to the Toledo Art Museum on Sunday March 21 at 2pm. We ask if your interested in going to sign-up at the Welcome Center as there is only 20 places available. Please bring your bible as Michelle Alexander will relate to Holy Week events and art.

**Calendar for the Week of March 8-14, 2010**

**Monday, Mar. 8 ~** Adult Volleyball 7-9pm  
**Tuesday, Mar. 9 ~** Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm  
 Session meeting at 7pm  
**Wednesday, Mar. 10 ~** Lenten Mid Week Supper at 6:30pm  
 Worship Service 7:15pm  
**Thursday, Mar. 11 ~** Staff Mtg. 10:30am in the lounge  
 No Potluck or Lectionary Bible Study  
 Choir practice at 6:30pm  
 Youth meeting at 7:30pm  
**Friday, Mar. 12 ~** Food Pantry 10-12pm  
 Food Distribution from 12-1:30pm  
**Sunday, Mar. 14 ~** Fourth Sunday in Lent; Daylight Savings Time begins;  
 Geneva Choir sings; Installation of Kelly Bandfield &  
 Dick Schroeder

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:30AM**

**FOR ADULTS:**  
 Bible Study with Rev. Pat .....In Lounge  
 Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

**FOR CHILDREN:**  
 Nursery Room (birth – Preschool).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105  
 Grades 1-8..... Downstairs  
 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

**Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.**

***The next Newsletter will be published on March 22nd. If you have an article that needs to be included for the April addition of the Leaves please have it in the office by Sunday, March 21st.***

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 Rev. Pat at 419-215-2939 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.

**with your grace so that all we encounter will marvel, not at ourselves, but at the God in whom we live and move and have our being. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #473** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Pat

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
 Loving God, You have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, preferring to go in different ways, seeking other companions, thinking we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, farther still from you. Can you help us find our way back? Have mercy on our waywardness, stir us to accept what you have to offer, gift us with faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Pat

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** "The Gloria Patri" (#579)

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH** Rev. Pat

**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 room 110.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Tim Eichenauer  
**FIRST READING** Psalm 84 pg. 922 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM** Jeff Skinner and Shannon Smith

**SECOND READING** Luke 4: 14—30 pg. 1596(NT) in the pew Bible  
**SERMON** "Passionate Worship: It is not About Us!" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN #85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

Tim Eichenauer

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

We worship God in many way. We worship through music, both vocal and instrumental. We worship through spoken word and prayer. We worship through movement and meditation. Now is the opportunity to worship through our giving. Today we give tithes and offerings for God’s work in the world through this congregation. Let us give joyfully. Let us give eagerly, knowing that our giving is an expression of authentic, passionate worship.

**OFFERING**

**\*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**

God of our Hearts, God our Lives, receive this outpouring of praise and commitment as represented in these tithes and offerings. Receive the praise of our souls and the giving of our resources. Shape us in this time to be good stewards and faithful disciples, so that together we might work for the building of your Kingdom. In Christ’s name. Amen.

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of the Covenant, you saved those on the ark through the flood and gave them your sign of Covenant, the rainbow. Through repentance and baptismal waters we too have been saved, and made signs of your New Covenant in Jesus Christ.

**Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, your Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. Like Jesus, we too are tempted. Yet he showed us how to resist evil.

**Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Coming out of the wilderness, Jesus began proclaiming your good news, saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

**Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Bring your reign near to us in this meal, Mighty Spirit. Draw us together in the ark of your church, that we may be signs of your covenant in the world, Covenanting God, Resisting Christ, and Saving Spirit, One God in Three.

**Amen.**

**THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP  
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #2260 “Let Us Be Bread”**

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
Broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.**

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**Next Week ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins; Geneva Choir sings; Installation of Kelly Bandfield & Dick Schroeder**

**Texts: Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9**