

A Transfiguration Prayer

Every morning we climb from our slumber
and head into our closets to begin the transformation—
Sometimes stockings and heels or ties and jacket.

We hide ourselves in the fabric of this world
through white lies and clenched smiles.

We 'make nice" and "get by"
and hide ourselves in the fabric of this world,
and at the end of the day we come here to you.

We cast our cares upon you.

We share our burdens with each other
and strip away our callous, outer selves
knowing you see through our dim disguises.

Our hearts and souls lay bare before you, God.

Manifest your presence here.

Let your voice be heard in the silence of our spirits
and the roaring in our ears.

Let your acceptance and forgiveness waft over us like a warm breeze,
your calm and comfort envelope and cradle us,
your love fill us with joy so that our smiles shine bright,
your light gleam in our eyes that others may see you
in our hearts and in our actions.

Taken from the book "Before the Amen"

CHOSEN



March 6, 2011

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10:00 AM



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



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).

Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration

SILENT REFLECTION

A voice said:

This is my Son, The Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

Listen to him!

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

CHORAL INTROIT "Rejoice and Be Glad" Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Barb Roadruck, Liturgist

The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

The light of God transfigures familiar faces!

At the heights of our worship, may God's presence shine through the commonplace.

At the depths of our pain and struggle, may God's presence give us courage and peace.

May God's light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days! Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Your

Number who worshiped with us on February 27, 2011:

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains Fred & Patti Nordhoff, Marilyn McAfee, Cindy Kerr

TODAY'S GREETERS: Sally Kille

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Michael & William Henning

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains Ed Wolff & Bonnie Buehrer, Agnes McKinstry, Chris Roebuck

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Gina Beauregard

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Tim & Toby Eichenauer

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Linda Hoover

Special Announcements

Scrip Cards ~ Just a reminder that we have script gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays and you can see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm. When you purchase these gift cards our church benefits from it financially. Not only are you receiving the card to use it, but the church is receiving a percentage back from each gift card that is purchased.

Ash Wednesday ~ We will be gathering together for a Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 9, at 6:15pm. Please bring your own table setting. After the supper we will move over to the sanctuary at 7:15pm for a time of worship and communion. 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. **Here is a list of those bringing salads and soups for Wednesday, March 9, 2011. The soups and salads should arrive at 6pm.**

Soups ~ Kay Amendola, Gina Beauregard, John MacPherson, Cindy Bosley-Smith, Patti Nordhoff

Salads ~ Tammy O'Dwyer, Bev King, Erika Dunn, Marilyn McAfee, Anna Jones

Co-Hosts ~ Kay Amendola & Connie Winslow

Celebrate Mardi Gras ~ We invite you to join us at a New Orleans style Mardi Gras meal after church today, March 6th at Park United Church of Christ from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Park Congregational is located at 1456 Howard Blvd. at Broadway. The cost is \$10. Check the extensive menu on the Community Events bulletin board off the Narthex.

Fairgreen Preschool Cookbook ~ The preschool is publishing a "Flavors of Fairgreen" cookbook and would like to invite the church congregation to participate and or purchase. Information for adding recipes is available at the Welcome Center. We look forward to your family favorites.

Calendar for the Week of March 7—13, 2011

Monday, March 7 ~ Adult Volleyball 7-9pm
Tuesday, March 8 ~ Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm
Session meeting at 7pm
Wednesday, March 9 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at 6:15pm
Mid Week Worship service at 7:15pm
Thursday, March 10 ~ No Potluck lunch or Lectionary Bible Study
Choir practice at 6:30pm
Praise Band 8:00pm
Friday, March 11 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
Food Distribution from 10-12pm
Saturday, March 12 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in the lounge
Sunday, March 13 ~ First Sunday in Lent and the Geneva Choir will sing.
Confirmation Class at 11:30am

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:20-12:30AM

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

FOR CHILDREN:
Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105
Preschool/KindergartenRm 104
Grades 1-8..... Downstairs
9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

The next Newsletter will be published on March 22nd and if you have an article that needs to be included for this April addition of the Leaves please have it in the office by Sunday, March 20th.

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.

glory shines in the face of Christ. Shine in our hearts and lives.
May your name be praised, glorious God! Amen.

***HYMN ~ #263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Pat

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***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 blue room 104.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Barb Roadruck
FIRST READING Psalm 29 pg. 866(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM "Shine On Us" Geneva Choir & Praise Band

SECOND READING ~ Assorted Verses from the Gospel of Matthew
SERMON "Choosing To Be Chosen" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN ~ #520** "Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face"

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

Barb Roadruck

***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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts. Make them be for us a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION**

Jesus said: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God. You created Heaven and Earth and made us to be your people. Your glory settled on Mt. Sinai when you gave Moses the laws for your people: glory, shining like a blazing fire for all the people below to see. Like them, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Glory be to you, O Lord most high!**

Holy are you and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. In the midst of teaching and healing, Jesus took a day apart and went up onto a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Your glory settled on Jesus, making him to shine like the sun, telling the disciples that this Jesus was your son, the Beloved. We seek to listen to him and we remember him now in the meal he gave us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dying you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory!

***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.**

**Next Week ~ First Sunday in Lent; Geneva Choir to sing
Our Theme: The Cross Walk—Jesus and the Paralyzed Man
Texts: Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Mark 2: 1-2**