

Discern the Question: Pray for Purpose

What would we look like if we become what we pray? What would we, as individuals, congregations, and as church, become when we have discerned a divine purpose? Living and doing ministry without purpose is like a teacher reporting to school every day unaware which class and subject to teach, and what are the qualifying gifts of an excellent teacher. Having discerned no purpose and hence lacking necessary gifts to succeed is like finding yourself in an airplane cockpit but with no clue how to fly. You may know where you want to go but you cannot get there on your own.

We believe God is the creator, redeemer, and sustainer, and we know how to turn to the Bible or come to church to find the answers, but do we know WHY? What are the QUESTIONS for which we believe we have the right answers? Presbyterians take pride in orderly polity, reformed theology, and biblical worship, but do we know what purpose polity, theology, and worship serve? When all is said and done, what difference did we make in our lives and communities?

How do we focus our resources and gifts to serve faithfully? Just imagine what the church would look like when we redirect our attention and conversations to God; from talking to one another about the church to talking to God with the church. Could this biblical practice of prayer help refocus our attention to God and channel our energy to discerning the purpose of the church?

We are grateful to the [Community of Prayerful Support](#). The impact of commitment by faithful disciples is already being felt in our ministry and throughout our mission. We continue to discern the purpose of the church and this Synod, and we continue to direct our conversations to God in unity in order to discern the right questions.

Since we are created in God's image, how do we shape up and change in order to reflect God's image? When God is done with us, what will the church look like? How do we discern the right questions? How will you help your church discern its purpose?

GRACE, Raafat L. Zaki

(an article from our new Synod of the Covenant Executive filled with great questions)



Fourth Sunday in Lent



April 3, 2011

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10:00 AM



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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

SILENT REFLECTION

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things:
behind the energy of the storm,
behind the heat of a million suns.

Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds:
behind the ability to think and reason,
behind the understanding of the truth.

Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:
behind the weakness, the torture and the death,
behind unconquerable love.

Eternal God, we worship and adore you.

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

CHORAL INTROIT "This Is The Day" Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Eichenauer, Liturgist

At every bend in the river, at every fork in the road.

Christ waits.

At every surprising turn and in every corkscrew twist.

Christ lingers.

At every T-junction and in every wrinkle of time.

Christ tarries.

Every day, each path we wander, each road we travel, we
journey not alone.

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).

Number who worshiped with us on March 27, 2011: 72

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: John MacPherson & Dan Yeager, Judy Stuart, Cindy Bosley-Smith

TODAY'S GREETER: Maud Pearson

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Joyce Koback & Tammy O'Dwyer

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Dick Schroeder & Kay Amendola, Sharon Durrant, Christy Ott

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Joanne Crammond

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Fred & Bev King

Special Announcements

Lenten Salad & Soup Supper ~ Join us for the Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays at 6:15pm followed by a worship service at 7:15pm. Please remember to bring your own table setting. **Here is a list of those bringing salads and soups for Wednesday, April 6, 2011. The soups and salads should arrive at 6pm.**

Soups ~ Catherine McCornack, Bonnie Buehrer, Rev. Pat, Joyce Koback, Charlene Ravenscraft

Salads ~ Dick Schroeder, Joyce Koback, Jean Burtch, Connie Winslow, Peg Winslow

Co-Hosts ~ Joyce Koback & Charlene Ravenscraft

Fairgreen Golf League ~ Once again its that time of the year to get your golf clubs out and dust them off. The Fairgreen Church league begins on Thursday, at 10am starting April 21st. The cost is: 9 holes with cart ~ \$18 without cart \$10.50; 18 holes with cart \$23 without cart \$13.50. You will find sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center and also the church office door. If you have any questions please see Dan Yeager. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 17th.

One Great Hour of Sharing ~ On Sunday April 24th we will be receiving this offering and the envelopes will be inserted into your bulletins on this day.

Fairgreen Preschool Clothing Sale~ The Preschool is having their Annual Clothing Sale on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th. It will be open to Fairgreen Church families on Friday, April 15th from 3-8pm. Fairgreen families will need to see Terri Turner to get a pass to come to the clothing sale. It will be open to the public on Saturday, April 16th from 8am-3pm; half off sale from 3:30-4:30pm.

Deacons Palm Sunday Breakfast ~ Join us on Sunday, April 17th from 11:15am-1pm for our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast. We will be serving: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and other goodies. Free will offering taken.

Calendar for the Week of April 4—10, 2011

Monday, April 4 ~ Adult Volleyball 7-9pm
Tuesday, April 5 ~ Preschool Spring Flower Sale 5-27
 Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm
 Mega meeting at 7pm
Wednesday, April 6 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge
 Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15pm
 Worship service at 7:15pm
Thursday, April 7 ~ Choir practice at 6:30pm
 Youth Meeting 7:30pm
 Praise Band 8:00pm
Friday, April 8 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
 Food Distribution from 10-12pm
Saturday, April 9 ~ #1 Great Banquet Team Meeting 9-12:30pm
Sunday, April 10 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent; Praise Band will provide music

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:20-12:30AM

FOR ADULTS:
 Bible Study.....In Lounge
 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 April 19th and if you have an article that needs to be included for this May addition of the Leaves please have it in the office by Sunday, April 17th.

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.

Here and now, we remember that Christ has already walked the road of life. He walks it again with us. Here and now, we raise our songs of praise.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

Ever-present and faithful God, how often we are neither present nor faithful. We find it hard to be in your presence, for we are reminded of our unworthiness. We find it difficult to be faithful, for the claims of the world are strong. But on this day, we are here to worship in spite of our neediness, for you are worthy of our praise, even if we feel unworthy to offer it; and as for us, we are in need of your grace, and you in your mercy, are eager to give it. For this we utter our praise and thanksgiving as we gather to worship your matchless name. Amen.

***HYMN ~ #467**

"How Great Thou Art"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

Dear friends in Christ, in the shadow of our Savior's holy cross, we admit what God already knows: We have sinned against God in thought, word and deed. We have failed God by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Let us pray:

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, I confess before you, and before these, my brothers and sisters, that I have failed to live as a child of the light. I have abused the gift of language by saying things I had no business saying and leaving unsaid things it was my duty to say. I have tried to possess that which does not properly belong to me: certain experiences, relationships, powers or possessions that would not be good for me and that you in wisdom have withheld. I have bent the truth to serve my own ends. I have not treated my neighbors the way I would wish my neighbors to treat me. For the sake of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive what I have been, and show me what I may yet become.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and raised to new life for you. So you have also been raised to newness of life, pure and acceptable in the sight of God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

What color is Lent? ~ Pink and Gold

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
FIRST READING**

Psalm 31: 9-16

Tim Eichenauer
pg. 868(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

“Come and Remember”

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING
SERMON**

Matthew 26: 58-68 pg. 1545(NT) in the pew Bible
“The Cross Walk: Jesus and Caiaphas” Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN ~ #370**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

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

Tim Eichenauer

***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.**

**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

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and will all who share this feast.

Unites us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconcile your people to yourself. Following his example of welcoming and sharing, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ “We Receive Your Blessings”**

**We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive your blessings as we leave this place.**

**Next Week ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent; Praise Band to provide music
Theme: The Cross Walk ~ Jesus and Judas
Texts: Psalm 70 and John 13: 21-30**