

Amazed

*The people who heard Jesus were repeatedly amazed.
Are we today so sophisticated that we are immune to amazement?*

*Can we know that he was crucified,
Goodness and Compassion and
Love nailed upon the tree,
and go about our business
of preparing Easter dinner?*

*Can we know that he arose
from the dead and walked the earth
and ate and spoke with his followers
and sit unamazed in the pew
as though we cannot hear the WORD OF GOD?*

*O God of Jesus the Christ,
the amazing thing is our lack of
amazement in the face of your
AMAZING AMEN!*



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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 her cell (419-215-2939).

10:00 AM

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



EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Shannon Smith

SILENT REFLECTION

God holds out to us the promise of new life. Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning. God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage. During this time of worship I pray that I can begin to accept this gift of new life. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

GREETING

Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

The Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred King, Liturgist

Look! The dawn is breaking. Morning is on its way. See, on the hillside the sun is beginning to rise!

Today starts with grief, bewilderment, and surprise. It passes through fear and ends in astonished recognition that something wonderful has happened.

Look! The tomb is open. A new day has begun.

Something wonderful has happened! Something wonderful continues to happen!

Look! The grave is empty. The stone is rolled away.

Hope is reborn. The dream is alive again. Rejoice, for the day of resurrection has come at last. Alleluia!



In the morning
I will sing
of your love.

Psalm 59:16, NIV

These Easter plants were donated in memory or honor of our Loved ones to glorify God as they symbolize the joy and splendor of His Resurrection.

Web & Woody Cole.....Alleluia—Christ Is Risen!
Ed & Betty Wolff.....In Loving Memory of our son, Don Wolff
Maud Pearson.....In Loving Memory of my husband Robert
my son Robert Jr. and my grandson Andrew.

Joyce Koback.....To The Glory of God
Marilyn McAfee.....In Loving Memory of my parents
Fred & Bev King.....In Loving Memory of Charlie & Lois
and Ed & Leona King

Rick & Kay Amendola.....Arise and Shine!
Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell.....Celebration of our new grandchild due in fall
Joanne Crammond.....In Loving Memory of David Crammond

Isabella Wu.....Christ the Lord is Risen Today!
Delores Tippin.....In Loving Memory of Sam
Louise Hughes.....In Loving Memory of my husband Jack,
my parents and my brother

Darlene Hughes.....He is Risen, Indeed!
Don Malcom.....In Loving Memory of wife, Jean
Tim & Toby Eichenauer.....In Memory of Judy Huber &
Lawrence Harkleroad

Connie Winslow.....Joy! Joy! Joy!

Sunday School 11:30am – 12:30pm

FOR ADULTS:

Faith Sharing Bible Study.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:

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

Join us for Coffee Hour 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.

Number who worshiped with us on April 17, 2011: 97

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Linda Hoover & Kay Amendola, Emma Bosley-Smith, Kayla Gotha

TODAY'S GREETER: Louise Hughes

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Michael & William Henning

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Dolores Tippin & Catherine McCornack, Patty Reiter, Tammy O'Dwyer

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Nancy Ahrens

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Ken & Nan Bennett

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Mike Roadruck

Special Announcements

Church Office Closed ~ The office will be closed on Monday, April 25th.

Scrip Cards ~ With Mother's Day and Father's Day right around the corner, you might want to treat that someone special with a gift that will not only honor them but bring forth many blessings. This gift is our scrip cards, which are available at the Welcome Center on Sundays. During the week you can stop at the church office and see Darlene. The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-2pm.

Ladies Spring Tea ~ Save the date to join us for our Ladies Spring Tea on Sunday, May 15th from 2-4pm in the Commons. Located on the Welcome Center are sign-up sheets for Hostesses for each table and one for bringing food. Please stop buy and reserve your spot for the tea and bring your favorite food dish.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of new life, we come this morning with our alleluias, our banners and flowers and trumpets and song. We come to worship in beauty and truth because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, because we have hope that the resurrection will enter into each of our lives and transform them, and because, through Christ's spirit, we have come to love one another. Accept our worship, gracious God. Be present with us as daystar, miracle, and mystery, and as the tender hands of grace. Amen.

***HYMN ~ #485**

"To God Be the Glory"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

A Rainbow of Colors...

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.

LITANY OF ALLELUIAS

The woman went and found the stone was rolled away.

(Quietly) Alleluia!

Don't be afraid!

(Little louder) Alleluia!

Jesus is not here - he has been raised!

(Loud) Alleluia!

Look, here is where the body was!

(Louder) Alleluia!

Go and tell the others that he has been raised!

(Louder yet) Alleluia!

Jesus is going ahead of you.

(Really loud) Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

(Shouting) Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Wildly ecstatic) Alleluia!

***HYMN OF THE SEASON ~ #106**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Fred King, Liturgist

FIRST READING

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

pg. 956(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM "Awake Thou Wintry Earth" Geneva Choir
GOSPEL READING John 20: 11-18 pg. 1684(NT) in the pew Bible
SERMON "Easter Reminds Us..." Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN OF PRAISE ~ #123** "Jesus Christ Has Risen Today"

***AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God...

Who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved; who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of oceans; who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.

We believe in Jesus...

The risen Christ, the friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world; who loves us without judgment yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and the oppressed; who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent; who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying and blesses the breaking of bread.

We believe in the Holy Spirit...

Who weaves us into communities of faith for all ages, nations and races; who is the stillness in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.

We believe we are called to be an Easter people...

Challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

We believe in the church...

The handholding, heartily singing and passionate, caring fellowship of believers.

This we believe.

This we believe! Alleluia! Amen!

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Fred King

OFFERING ~ (including our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

ANTHEM "Blessings: (Laura Story)" Emma Bosley– Smith and Kayla Gotha

DOXOLOGY #577 (note change of tune)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Fred King

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah Chorus" (G.F. Handel)

Geneva Choir

(You are invited to come up and join us as we sing; music will be available)

***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.**

POSTLUDE

Shannon Smith

Next Week ~ Second Sunday of Easter; Michelle Blackerby, a second year student in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program will be preaching; the Geneva Choir will sing.

Calendar for the Week of April 25—May 1, 2011

Monday, April 25 ~

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 26 ~

Preschool returns

Rev. Pat and others on trip to Israel from April 26-May 5

Thursday, April 28 ~

Choir practice 6:30m

Friday, April 29 ~

Food Pantry 10-12pm

Saturday, April 30 ~

#2 GB Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm

Sunday, May 1 ~

**10:00am ~Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service;
Michelle Blackerby, a second year student in the
Commissioned Lay Pastor Program will be preaching.**