

Prayer for the Week

In the gift of this day never given before, may we be open to new beginnings.

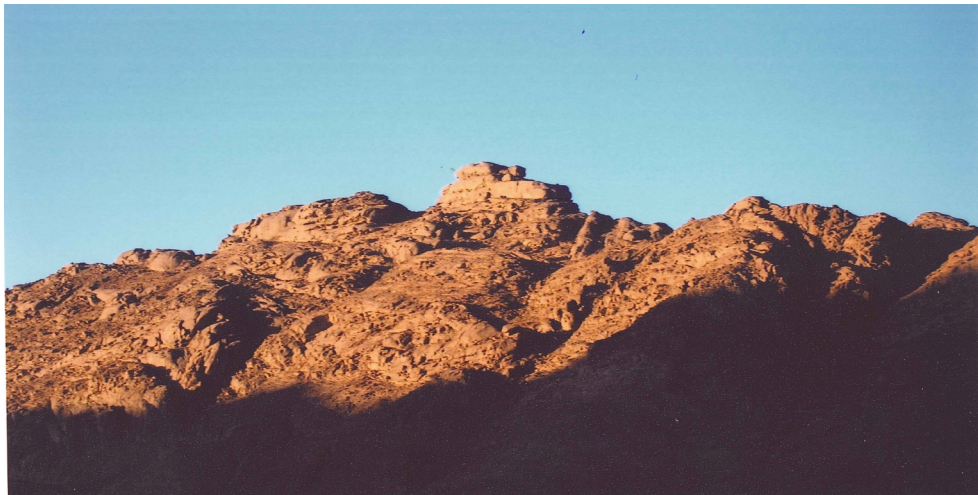
In the gift of this day of work and creativity, may our eyes be open to new ways of seeing.

In the gift of this day of play and of rest may our hearts be open to laughter and stillness.

Guide us, Great Creator, that we may find you in one another.

Guide us, Loving Christ, that we may give ourselves for the earth and its people.

Guide us, Spirit of New Birth, that in the matter of our lives we may be bearers of hope.



September 4, 2011

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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 office at (419-475-4436)



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



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION ~ Psalm 40: 1-4

I waited patiently for the Lord; God turned to me and heard my cry. I was lifted out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; God set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. God put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

GREETING

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT ~ #2272

" We Are Standing On Holy Ground"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Eichenauer, Liturgist

Men and women have proclaimed God's praises throughout the ages.

Now it is our turn to worship the Lord and to announce God's presence and His loving concern to the inhabitants of this world.

With voice and musical instruments, with lovely melodies and joyful sounds, let us proclaim the glory of God.

Let us fill our homes and sanctuaries, our halls of learning, our factories an marketplaces, even the street of our city, with sounds of celebration.
God is here; God is now!

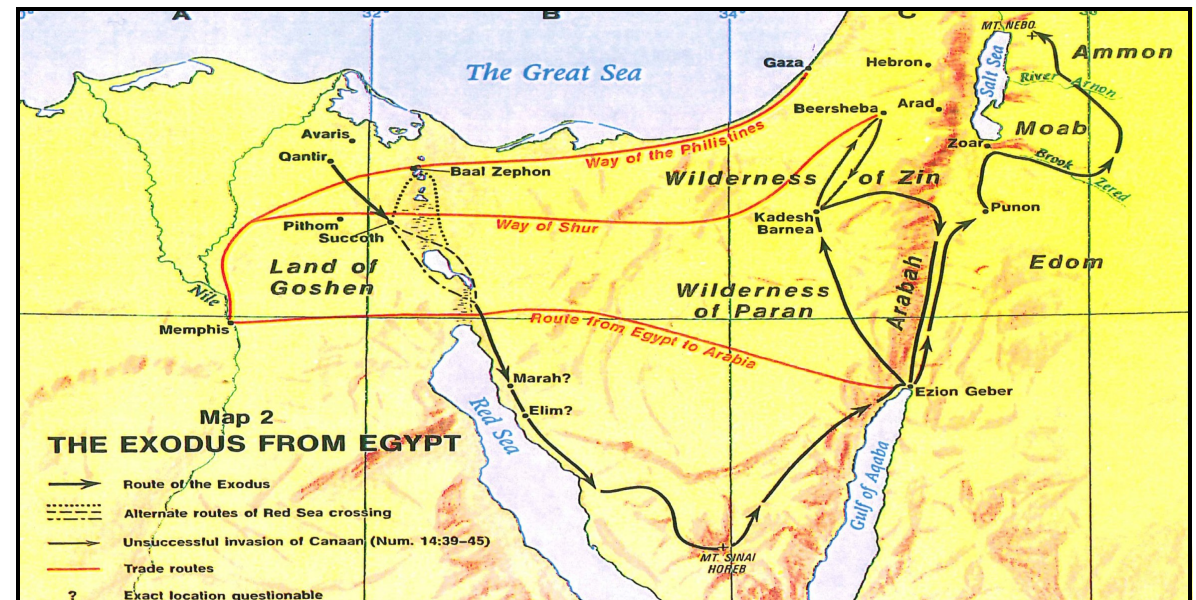
Rally Day ~ This is a celebration of our Fall Schedule and the beginning of our New Beginnings Cottage Meetings. Join us on September 11, 2011 for worship and then plan to stay after church for a potluck lunch and hear about the New Beginnings Program. Kids for Christ will also begin on this day. All children age 4 and older are invited to join in the fun. They will meet in room 104 right after the 10am Worship Service's Children's Time. Watch the worship bulletin and/or your mail for an explanation of our children and youth program offerings.

Give Them Shelter Walk for Family Promise/IHN~ There will be a 5K, 3.5 mile walk at Ottawa Park on October 8, 2011. The registration fee is \$25 and is due by September 5th. Included in your registration is an exclusive event T-shirt. Children 6 and under walk free. Registration and application forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can visit www.givethemsheltertoledo.org.

Up Coming 2012 Retreat Dates:

2012 Fairgreen Women's Retreat ~ Ladies mark your calendars for our Fairgreen Women's Retreat at the Lial center in Whitehouse, Ohio on Friday March 2, 2012 arriving at 7pm and Saturday, March 3, 2012 leaving around 3pm. The cost is \$40 per person plus a snack, breakfast or lunch food item.

2012 Elder/Deacon Retreat ~ Save the date as we will be meeting at the Lial Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on Friday, January 6, 2012 arriving at 7pm and Saturday, January 7, 2012 leaving around 4pm. More details to follow



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 August 28, 2011: 54

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Tammy O'Dwyer & Judy Stuart, William & Michael Henning

TODAY'S GREETER: Louise Hughes

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: No Coffee Hour (Ice Cream Social Event on lawn)

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Tim Eichenauer & Kay Amendola, Pat Gibson, Charlene Ravenscraft

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Joyce Koback

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Dick Schroeder

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: No Coffee Hour (Rally Day & Potluck lunch)

Special Announcements

Church Office Closed ~ The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.

Great Banquet Meetings & Gatherings ~

#3 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm ~ Saturday, September 10

#4 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm ~ Saturday, September 24

Board Mtg at 4:30pm & Gathering 6pm ~ Sunday, September 18

#5 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm ~ Saturday, October 1

Community Ice Cream Social ~ Everyone is invited to join us as we reach out to our community with an ice cream social—**that is today**. We will be having music, games for the children and also serving food. This will all take place from 12-4pm on the Fairgreen Drive lawn area

Annual Chicken BBQ ~ I can taste that barbecued chicken now! Can't you? Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24th for our Annual Chicken BBQ dinner. Carry out will run from 4:30-5:30pm and the dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30pm in the church Commons. The menu will consist of: 1/4 chicken, corn, cole slaw, tomato wedge, roll and butter, delicious brownie sundae and beverage. The cost for Adults is \$8 and children 10 and under are \$3.

Scrip Cards ~ Just a reminder that we have script gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays and see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

Tim Eichenauer

Almighty God, we have come to this place to find you; yet, you have been beside us all the time. Our prayer, then, does not so much ask for you to be here as it asks you to make our own hearts more aware of you. Creator, make an intentional and worshipful focusing of our minds a more constant discipline in our lives. Timeless as the sunshine, it is so easy to take your love for granted. Fill this moment with awe, loving God of our hope, and let us progress from a reverent hour into continual veneration, from a moment of devotion into a life of prayer. Amen.

***HYMN ~ #138**

"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pat Gibson

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we selfishly clutch Your great blessings and abuse the wealth You put into our hands. We foolishly ignore You and then feel abandon when we fall into the hole of despair. WE confess our rebelliousness and selfishness, O Lord. Too often we wear an outward cloak of holiness while inwardly our mind is jealous and our hear holds anger.

Spare us, that You might renew us and save us and use us to share Your blessings. Transform the whole of us: our thoughts and words and deeds into acts of praise that will glorify and serve You. And now, hear us as we pray, in silence, before You...

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pat Gibson

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

KID'S FOR CHRIST ~ The children will remain in the service as there is no Kids for Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9
1 Peter 1:13-16**

Tim Eichenauer, Liturgist
pgs.284(OT) in the pew Bible
pgs.1887(NT) in the pew Bible

SPECIAL MUSIC

**SECOND READING
SERMON**

**Exodus 3:1-14
"Standing on Holy Ground"
(Wholly, Holey, too!)**

pgs.90(OT) in the pew Bible
Pat Gibson

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

***HYMN ~ #461**

"God Is Here"

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

Tim Eichenauer

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. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tim Eichenauer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN ~ #2087**

"We Will Glorify The King of Kings"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

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

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you. CCL#1025014**

Postlude

A Prayer for the Week

*Holy God, how long did Moses have to watch to notice this fire was different, flaming with your presence? Give me those lovingly attentive eyes to recognize you, knowing that virtually anything can blaze with your holiness and majesty. In Christ's name. Amen.
- from Seeking God's Face, Week 12, Day 3 (Exodus 3: 1-7, 10)*

**Next Week ~ Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rally Day and Potluck—bring a dish to share and your own table setting; The Geneva Choir to sing and Communion will be served. Kids for Christ begins; New Beginnings Kick-off
Texts: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35**

Calendar for the Week of September 5—11, 2011

Monday, Sept. 5 ~

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 6 ~

Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm

Mega Meetings at 7pm

Wednesday, Sept. 7 ~

Memorial Meeting at 10:30am in the lounge

Thursday, Sept. 8 ~

Preschool begins (4yr. Olds)

Potluck lunch at noon

Lectionary Bible Study at 12:45pm

Choir practice at 6:30pm

Friday, Sept. 9 ~

Food Pantry & Food Distribution 10am-12pm

Saturday, Sept. 10 ~

#3 Great Banquet Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 11 ~

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**There will be no Coffee Hour as we will be having a potluck lunch.
Bring a dish to share and your own table service.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON VACATION FOR THE SUMMER

FOR CHILDREN:

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