

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS
AND THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
(As you come forward to receive the gifts of God place your offering in the Offering Plate)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Sanctuary (sing it through twice)
(Those who are able, join hands, forming lines across the aisle to symbolize a growing commitment to unity.)

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

**Next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Texts: Acts: 11: 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35**

Thought for the Week

The Kittens

you promise to be with me when death takes my hand to lead me into life...
but how will I know...

when I sneak down the shadowed alleys, hoping to find that quick fix for my
broken dreams...

when I look up from the muddy bottom of desolation's ditch,
wondering where are my friends who promised ('we'll be there!') to pull me out...

when my addiction to every sales pitch I see and hear trips me up and
I fall into greed's gutter...

...that you are with me then and there?
I only need to look behind me-and there are Goodness & Mercy, those two
stray kittens who follow me wherever I go, wherever I am-just waiting
for me to pick them up and welcome them into my heart.

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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 stop by the Welcome Center right after service. We have a special gift for you.**

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 9:15 service, and added to the Prayer Chain if submitted at the 11:30 service.

A PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS AVAILABLE. WORSHIP BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN are available. Contact an usher for assistance.

TAPES OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON are available. Contact the church office or Art Sattler.

If you are in need of **Pastoral Care** or know someone who is, please call Rev. Pat at the church (419-475-4436) or at her home (419-534-3739).

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**"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me."**

- John 10:27

9:15 AM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand." † indicates when latecomers may be seated.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE Shannon Smith
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews.
Christ has risen!
Christ has risen indeed!

SILENT REFLECTION
We lift up our hearts to you, our Maker, like spring flowers to the sun. We will drink your living water until we are filled with the Spirit. We will reach out to you and bask in your loving presence this day and always. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHORAL INTROIT "Glory" Geneva Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP Stacy Skinner, Liturgist
God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.
We have come for this time of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.
God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.
Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Caring and compassionate Creator God, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us.

11:30 AM

"Celebrate Jesus!" Worship Of Word And Sacrament

GATHERING MUSIC ~ "My Life Is In You, Lord" Praise Band
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please sign **fellowship book in pews and place 11:30 after your name.**)

OPENING SET ~ Blessed Be Your Name; Almighty; Shout to the Lord; Lamb of God
PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION
RESPONSE ~ You Are My All in All

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 23 p.862 (OT) in the pew Bible
ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art" Praise Band

SECOND READING Acts 9: 1-6 p. 1706 (NT) in the pew Bible
GOSPEL READING John 10: 22-30 p. 1667 (NT) in the pew Bible
SERMON "Pursued" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins) During the prayer, speak out loud the name of one who needs prayer and then say, "Lord, in your mercy. All then respond, "...Hear Our Prayers."

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Number who worshiped with us on April 22, 2207: 90
TODAY'S GREETERS & WELL WISHERS 9:15: Joanne Crammond
TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Gardy Bandfield, Bob Martz, Ed Wolff
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Dick Schroeder, Bruce & Dee Smale
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell
NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Barb Roadruck

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Conversation and Potluck Supper ~ Your Session would like to invite all of you to join them today at 4 PM for a time of conversation, food and fellowship. As you know your Session has been discussing and praying about the opportunity we have to purchase the property next door to the church. We have begun to put together a plan and a vision as to just how that property might compliment the mission and ministry we have here at the church but before we go any farther we would like to have your input. Please join us this afternoon so that we can continue our conversations. Bring your ideas and your concerns along with a dish to pass and your own table settings.

Scrip Gift Cards Are Coming! ~ Today is the kick-off for the Scrip Card Program sponsored by the Deacons. Please take home the order form (found in your bulletin) listing all available merchants and prayerfully consider this stewardship option. To order, mark the quantity of cards and the dollar amount in the appropriate columns. Make sure to also fill in the date, your name, and phone number at the top of the form, please. Bring your order form and payment (cash or check--made out to Fairgreen Deacons) to church on Sunday, May 6. Forms will be collected at the Welcome Center. The orders (Scrip Cards) will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, May 13. Scrip cards make great gift cards for special celebrations and events! For anyone with further questions or wanting more information about the Scrip Card Program, the Deacons will be sponsoring an informational time during the Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 6. We hope to have a Power Point presentation and to be able to answer any individual concerns. Come enjoy a cup of coffee, a baked good, and join us!

Quilt and Fiber Showcase with Spring Tea ~ Come enjoy the display of quilts and fiber and an afternoon tea on Saturday, May 12th in the Commons at 1:30pm. There will be tea sandwiches and desserts along with special teas served! The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 and will be on sale from April 22nd through May 6th. Please see Linda Hoover, Joanne Crammond, Gina Beauregard or Jan Anderson to purchase these tickets. If you would like to reserve a table of eight, it can be arranged if the Deacons know at least by Sunday, May 6th. Remember bring your quilts and fiber hand work in to display by 2pm on Friday, May 11th.

Thursday Lectionary Bible Study ~ We will begin meeting at noon for a potluck lunch and then at 12:45pm we will have our Lectionary Bible Study.

In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Rev. Pat
"The Gloria Patri" (#577)

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH
Children second grade and younger may leave afterward for Kids for Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Stacy Skinner, Liturgist
pg. 862 (OT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Geneva Choir

SECOND READING
GOSPEL READING
SERMON

Acts 9: 1-6
John 10: 22-30
"Pursued!"

pg. 1706 (NT) in the pew bible
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Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #387

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.

We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibilities.

We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into the dance of life.

We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tombl-like safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully.

We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us an Easter people, who practice kindness, encourage joyfulness, and work for justice and freedom.

We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

This we believe.

This we believe! Alleluia! Amen!

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING Stacy Skinner

*DOXOLOGY #593 Avery and Marsh
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 Stacy Skinner
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts) pg.16 in the hymnal (traditional)

*HYMN #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— “May The Lord”
**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE Shannon Smith

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2007

Monday, April 30 ~
Tuesday, May 1 ~
Wednesday, May 2 ~
Thursday, May 3 ~
Friday, May 4 ~
Saturday, May 5 ~
Sunday, May 6 ~

Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons
Mega Meeting at 7pm in lounge
Staff meeting 11am in lounge
Potluck 12:00pm; Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm;
Choir practice 6pm; Praise Band practice 7:30pm
Food Pantry 10-12pm
#3 Great Banquet Team meeting from 9-12:30pm
9:15 & 11:30am services with Communion served at both

CHURCH SCHOOL — 10:30 - 11:20 SUNDAY

Beginners Sunday School Class (3, 4, & 5 yr. olds & 1st grade).....Rm. 104
Grades 2,3, 4, 5.....Rm. 106
Junior High (grades, 6, 7, 8).....Junior High Room (downstairs)
Senior High (grades 9-12).....Senior High Room (downstairs)
FOR ADULTS:
Bible Study.....Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....Library Room 102
Nursery Room Available.....Rm.105
Kids for Christ—after Time With The Younger Church during 9:15am worship
(3years old through 2nd grade)..... Rm. 110

There will be **Coffee Hour and Fellowship** in the **Commons** at **10:30am**.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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 Leone Sattler at 419-474-1723 or Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.