

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 seekers and finders.

This we believe.

This we believe! Alleluia! Amen!

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD
OFFERING

Bruce Smale

*DOXOLOGY #593

**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

Bruce Smale

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

pg.16 in the hymnal (traditional)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— SANCTUARY

(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. CCL#1025014**

POSTLUDE

Shannon Smith

Next Week's Texts: Third Sunday in Easter

First Service ~ 9:15 AM and Second Service ~ 11:30 AM

Texts: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

Sermon Theme: "Do you have anything here to eat?"



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.**

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 (419-841-7954).

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.

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE
WELCOME

Shannon Smith

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews

SILENT REFLECTION

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit, that we may be one with Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Smale, Liturgist

The Word of life spoke:

so we could hear the angels' 'Alleluias!'

The Word of life reached out:

so we could touch the hope which heals us.

The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

so we could follow him into life forever.

Let us worship the Word of life.

*HYMN #113

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

*CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Bruce Smale

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

*SILENT PRAYERS

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news we have declared: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"The Gloria Patri" (#577)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Bruce Smale

Children second grade and younger may leave afterward for Kids for Christ.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Bruce Smale

FIRST READING

Psalm 133

pg.970 (OT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM

"Through It All"

Shannon Smith

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-30

Ken Hulsey
pg.1686 (NT) in the pew bible

SERMON

"What if?...Why Not?"

Ken Hulsey

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #306

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bruce Smale

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 the ocean;

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.