

\*HYMN OF COMMUNION #514

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— "Sanctuary"

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary  
pure and holy tried and true  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.**

POSTLUDE

Praise Band



**Next Week:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rev. Pat will be away for the last five days of her 2 weeks of Study Leave attending the Evangelism Conference in Nashville, TN. Our guest preacher will be Jeff Skinner. Praise Band plays; No Communion  
**Texts:** Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81: 1, 10-16; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Based on Jeremiah 1: 4-10

I am only a little boy: my first day at school starts tomorrow;  
I'll be brave for my Mom, and not let her see me cry.  
But, can I lean on you?

I am only a young girl: I'll get back on the bus this week wondering  
if the boy who teased me last year will be in his old seat;  
if that group of girls who giggled behind my back will still be knotted together.  
So, can I lean on you?

I am only a teacher, not a super hero: I have good days and rotten mornings;  
I have tears shimmering in my eyes behind the happy face I wear every day.  
Can I lean on you?

I am only a hypocrite putting on my clay feet every day,  
striding forth into the world bent over by my skeptic spirit,  
hoping that today, I might be bowled over by faith.  
Till then, can I lean on you?

Thom Shuman



### 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 service, and then 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.

**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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*"Getting Over  
Our Bentoverness"*





10:00 AM

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



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRELUDE Praise Band

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

CONGREGATIONAL PRELUDE ~ Praise Hymns of Gathering Praise Band  
"The Power of Your Love; Shout to the Lord"

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAISE HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ "Only By Grace"

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION ~

FIRST READING **Psalm 71: 1-6** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"  
pg.907 (OT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM **"In the Garden"** Praise Band

SECOND READING **Luke 13: 10-17** pg.1620 (NT) in the pew bible

HOMILY **"Getting Over Our Bentoverness"** Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #403  
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
On page 14 in the Hymnal

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION*

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of life.

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER*

May God be with you as we lift up our hearts giving thanks to God for it is always good to give thanks and praise to God. We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love.

**If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.**

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word.

**We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world.**

And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have called by name and reconciled to yourself, we pray:

*BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP*

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD*

*UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

**Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.**