

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.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN #138

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— “Let Us Be Bread”

**Let us be Bread, blessed by the Lord.  
Broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.**

POSTLUDE

Anne Rubley

Next Sunday, August 13, 2006

**First Service ~ 9:30AM and Second Service ~ 11:00AM**

Texts: Ephesians 4: 1-16; Isaiah 40: 6-23

Sermon title may be “What!?!?! Flowers & Grass & Grasshoppers!”



**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 first service, and added to the Prayer Chain if submitted at the second 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.

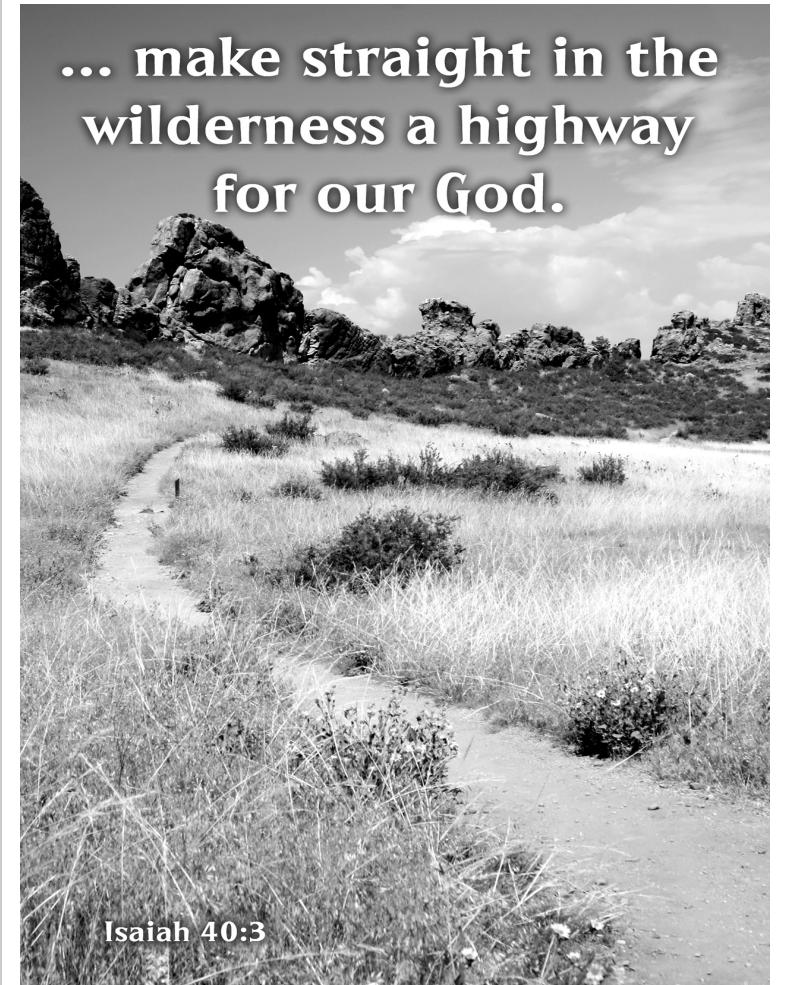
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**August 6, 2006**

**... make straight in the  
wilderness a highway  
for our God.**



Isaiah 40:3



9:30 AM



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

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Communion**

PRELUDE Anne Rubley

WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews. Children will remain in the service as there is No Kids for Christ during the summer months.

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

SILENT REFLECTION  
To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to  
bow the knee and all it worshipping  
bow the head and all it's thinking,  
bow the will and all it's choosing,  
bow the heart and all it's loving.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 55: 1-2, 13; Matthew 5:6) Charlene Ravenscraft, Liturgist  
Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

**We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.**

\*HYMN # 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat  
From age to age is God's faithfulness. From day to day is our striving. Let us be honest about our lives before God.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Holy God, loving Friend, we make no pretense about our lives. We forget, even deny, that we were created with wonder and delight in our souls. We go through life anxious and serious, seeking to get ahead, striving to make ends meet. We rush and hurry, fill up our calendars. Where is the joy? Where are the days of**

**Sabbath rest? Where is our sense of delight?**

**Joyful God, remind us that we are loved for who we are, just as we are. In your acceptance, we find delight. In your blessing, we find peace. Let us live our days in grateful praise. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "The Gloria Patri" (#579)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Charlene Ravenscraft  
FIRST READING p.889 (OT) in pew Bible  
**Psalm 51: 1-12**

SPECIAL MUSIC G.F. Handel (recording)  
**"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"**

SECOND READING p.1119 (OT) in pew Bible  
SERMON Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer  
**Isaiah 40: 1-11**  
**"Taking to the Highway"**

**OUR RESPONSE**

\*HYMN #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Charlene Ravenscraft  
OFFERING

\*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.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
**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**  
God be with you,  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts:  
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us thank God:  
**It is good to thank 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