

Thought For The Week

The Hidden Miracle ~ Mark 2: 1-12

*I hope they don't drop me!
I don't like relying on other people, I'd rather do it myself-but I can't*

*"Take me to him", I asked, but we were late, and there's no way in.
Now they're pulling the place to bits an they're going to lower me
through the roof. They're good friends!*

*Maybe God won't want me healed.
This might all be a waste of time.
If this man Jesus is really from God, he might not want me healed.*

*I wonder if it matters?
I've got friends-I don't really need to walk, "Let's forget it, fellas!"*

*But they keep working and soon I'm being lowered.
I hope these ropes are good!*

*Right in front of Jesus I land and he looks at me!
It doesn't matter if I never walk again that look was worth it all.*

*He knows me!
All the ugliness inside, the crippled thoughts and limping faith-he knows!*

*Yet in his eyes is love so deep and strong that I feel whole.
What's that he said? My sins are forgiven?
I know, my Lord, I know. I saw it in your eyes!*

*Another gift? To prove a point, he said.
I'm standing up! I can walk-so what?
My miracle is hidden deep inside.
My sins are forgiven and I am healed!*



*Standing on
Holy Ground*

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10:00 AM



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



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 Rev. Pat at the church (419-475-4436) or on her cell (419-215-2939).

Transfiguration of the Lord

SILENT REFLECTION

Almighty God, By grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us in by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

OPENING SET ~ "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"In the Secret"

"You Are My All in All"

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ "Draw Me Nearer"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

KID'S FOR CHRIST ~ The children that are in Preschool through second grade are dismissed to go with their teacher to their class which will be held in room 110.

Calendar for the Week of February 23-March 1, 2009

Monday, Feb. 23 ~

**Alpha Omega Circle 4pm in the lounge
Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons**

Wednesday, Feb. 25 ~

**Ash Wednesday ~ Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm
Mid Week Service 7pm**

Thursday, Feb. 26 ~

**Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge
Choir practice 6:30pm**

Friday, Feb. 27 ~

Food Pantry 10-12pm

Sunday, Mar. 1 ~

**First Sunday in Lent; Communion will be served;
The Geneva Choir will sing**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:15AM

FOR ADULTS:

Bible Study.....In Lounge

Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old) available from 9:45-12:15pm.....Rm.105

Beginners (3, 4, 5 yrs.old and 1st grade).....Rm.104

Grades 2-5Room behind the front of the sanctuary

Junior High (Grades 6-8).....Junior High Room-downstairs

Senior High (Grades 9-12).....Meet at the Sr. High Round table in the Commons

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, April 19, 2009.

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.

Number who worshiped with us on February 15, 2009: 71

TODAY'S USHERS: Ken Bennett, Capt./ Nan Bennett, Gardy & Kelly Bandfield

TODAY'S GREETERS: Ed & Betty Wolff

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ Derek Nordhoff, Amber Smith, Dylan Bell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Joyce Koback

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Linda Hoover

Dying you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts. Make them be for us a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.

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

**THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD
THE BLESSING OF THE CUP
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

(We invite you to come forward to receive the gifts of God; place your offering in the plate; step to the left or the right; take a piece of bread; dip it into the cup receiving the gifts of God. If you are unable to come forward, stay in the pew and we will come to you.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and the food of eternal life. Bless the gifts that we bring for the work of your kingdom. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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.**

Next Week ~ First Sunday in Lent ~ The Geneva Choir will sing. Our Sunday theme will be "He Descended into Hell: An Image of God's Grace!" Communion will be served.

Texts: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

THE WORD OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 50: 1-6

pg. 888(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"I Choose You "

Praise Band

**GOSPEL READING
SERMON**

**Mark 2: 1-11 and/or Mark 9: 2-9
"Standing on Holy Ground"**

pg. 1554(NT) in the pew Bible
Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN #2272**

"We Are Standing On Holy Ground"

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
THE LITANY OF GIFTS**

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

But it is the same God who achieves purpose through them all.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church now ordains Kelly Bandfield to the office of Deacon and installs her to active service.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT RENUNCIATIONS AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God,...By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, accept Kelly as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage her, respecting her decisions, and to follow her as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the church? **We do.**

THE ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION—

PRAYER FOR DEACONS

PRAYER BY THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Gracious God, you have chosen me. Now give me the strength, wisdom, and love to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER BY THE CONGREGATION

Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session

As the people of the Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, let us pray...

God of grace, you called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation; give us the courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME TO MINISTRY

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with the 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.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God. You created Heaven and Earth and made us to be your people. Your glory settled on Mt. Sinai when you gave Moses the laws for your people: glory, shining like a blazing fire for all the people below to see. Like them, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Glory be to you, O Lord most high!

Holy are you and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. In the midst of teaching and healing, Jesus took a day apart and went up onto a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Your glory settled on Jesus, making him to shine like the sun, telling the disciples that this Jesus was your son, the Beloved. We seek to listen to him and we remember him now in the meal he gave us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: