

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts) pg.16 in the hymnal (traditional)

***HYMN #442**

"The Church's One Foundation"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— #2226 "Bind Us Together"**

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together with cords that can not be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together with love.
There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.

Next Week ~ Transfiguration of the Lord

The Anthem will be provided by the Geneva Choir.

Text: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9



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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THE Calling of the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22



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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION Sarum Primer (c.1514)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God by in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God by in my end, and in my departing.

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

CHORAL INTROIT "The Kingdom of the Lord" Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Kim Jensen, Liturgist

Today the words of God come to us inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Today the words of God come to us inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the One who saves us.

Today the words of God come to us inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others. Let us pray:

Holy God, in the silence of this moment, call us by name, lift our weary spirits, deepen our questioning faith and give us new eyes to see your blessings all around us. For you are the giver of peace, the source of our joy, and a whisper of love in the stillness. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #460 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have loved us unconditionally, and you have commanded us to love one another as you love us. We confess that our love for one another has faltered; often it has failed

altogether. We turn away from sisters and brothers who think, speak, look, act in ways that are different from our own. We recoil from those who have offended us, rather than seek reconciliation.

We ask that you forgive the hardness of hearts which causes us to turn away from others; pour out your Spirit of love into our heart that we may indeed love one another as freely as you have loved us.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Pat

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Pat

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kim Jensen, Liturgist

FIRST READING

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

pg. 864(OT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM

"We Come to Worship"

Geneva Choir

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4: 12-23

pg.1500(NT) in the pew bible

SERMON

"The Daffodil Principle"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #2130

"The Summons"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Kim Jensen

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.**