

"Thought for the Week"

**Servant**

Whatever title, privilege, or prestige others may give me,  
I am your servant, Holy One.

When I look at another,  
may I do so with the eyes of compassion and generosity,  
not those of desire and deception;

When I speak to another,  
may I do so with a voice of wisdom and trust,  
not manipulation and arrogance;

When I am given a chance to serve my sisters and brothers,  
may I do so with open heart and outstretched hope,  
not grudgingly or worrying about my loss;

When you seek to dwell in my heart,  
may I empty myself of all my silly arrogance,  
so I can be filled.

I am your servant, Holy One.

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**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 9:30 service, and added to the Prayer Chain if submitted at the 11:00 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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Once Comforted,  
We then Comfort



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.



**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRELUDE Shannon Smith

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!**

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

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Smith, Liturgist

We are children of God,  
**As brilliant as a shining star,**  
As wondrous as an ocean wave,  
**As special as a fragrant rose,**  
As unique as each twirling leaf,  
**We are God's children, united in praise, humbled in awe and  
prompted to sing.**

\*HYMN (see insert or screen) "Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**We are trying to take our time, loving God, but busyness is a hard habit to break.  
We are anxious about calendars and deadlines, even while trying to relax. There are  
"have to's" that break the rhythm of gentleness. Patient God, it is hard to walk  
slowly, to wait on you, to be attentive to your whispers.**

**Slow our overactive minds, quiet our fretful hearts and tune our ears to your gentle  
voice. Let us enjoy your love this day. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**THE WORD OF GOD**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Pat & Pat Gibson  
Children will remain in service as there is no Kids for Christ during the summer months.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Bill Smith  
FIRST READING **Ephesians 3: 14-21** pg.1820 (NT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM "Pass It On" Shannon Smith

SECOND READING **Isaiah 40: 1-8** pg.1119(OT) Rev. Pat

SERMON "Once Comforted, We then Comfort" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

\*HYMN #3 "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Bill Smith  
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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bill Smith

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

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF SENDING #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

\*CHARGE & BLESSING  
\*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