

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

AND THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(As you come forward to receive the gifts of God place your offering in the Offering Plate)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Sanctuary (sing it through twice)

(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. CCLI#1025014**

Next week's texts: Third Sunday in Lent; Communion at second service.

Texts: Psalm 63:1-8; John 3: 1-10

Sermon: Encounters with Christ ~ Jesus and Nicodemus

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Lent makes me so uncomfortable.**

I prefer to remain in my 'zone,'  
lounging in my chair;  
glued to my plasma screen;  
relaxing after a long day;  
but you would lead me into the wilderness

into those uncomfortable places  
of tempting,  
of power,  
of testing,

I would like to hear words about success, and praise,  
and feel pats on my back,  
but you talk about self denial;  
you mention the cost of following God;  
you invite me (!) to shoulder a cross.

couldn't you have sent a more comfortable Savior, O God?

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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.**

**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 9:15 service, and added to the Prayer Chain if submitted at the 11:30 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.

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).

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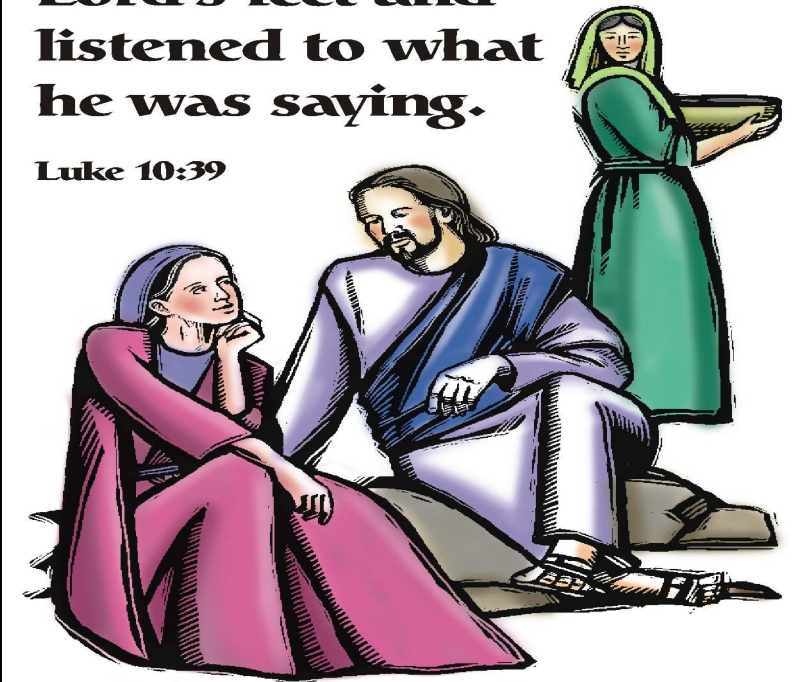
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**March 4, 2007**

## **Encounters with Christ**

**Mary... sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.**

**Luke 10:39**



## **Jesus, Mary & Martha**



9:15 AM

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



Second Sunday in Lent

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 Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be my disciple, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me."

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHORAL INTROIT "Here I Am, Lord" Geneva Choir CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Hoover, Liturgist

Sense the presence of God here in this place: A sudden lifting of the heart, a child's ready smile, The song that comes quickly to our lips, A feeling of acceptance and hints of joy. God moves over the mysteries of our living and our dying. And God is on the Lenten journey with us so that our lives may become songs of praise.

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat

\*LITANY OF CONFESSION God of Compassion, you know how we resist you. You see it in our actions; in what we have done and what we have not done. You know that we often doubt and fear and hold back when you call us to follow. We want to be open; we want to boldly follow you even to the cross. God of Compassion, we ask that you forgive us through the power of the cross so that we maybe free to serve you without fear. Amen.

\*SILENT CONFESSION \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Pat

11:30 AM

"Celebrate Jesus!" Worship Of Word And Sacrament

GATHERING MUSIC ~ "Cry Of My Heart" Praise Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign fellowship book in pews and place 11:30 after your name.)

OPENING SET ~ Come, Now is the Time to Worship; Spring Up O Well; The Lord is My Light; Be Not Afraid

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION RESPONSE ~ Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 27 p.864(OT) in the pew Bible ANTHEM "Nothing But The Blood" Praise Band

SECOND READING Luke 10: 38-42 p.1613(NT) in the pew Bible SERMON "Encounters with Christ ~ Jesus and Mary and Martha" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins) During the prayer, speak out loud the name of one who needs prayer and then say, "Lord, in your mercy. All then respond, "...Hear Our Prayers."

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Number who worshiped with us on February 25, 2007: 64  
TODAY'S GREETERS & WELL WISHERS 9:15: Kim Jensen  
TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Marilyn McAfee, Mike & Barb Roadruck  
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Ken Campbell, Capt./ Mary Ellen Campbell, Sharon Durrant,  
Ed Wolff  
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Jacob & Betty Close  
NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Kay Amendola

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study** ~ This Lectionary study will take place every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30pm in the lounge. Rev. Pat will be basing her study on the scriptures (found on the back page of your bulletin each Sunday) relating to the "Encounters with Christ". Come join us as we grow closer to God together in Word and fellowship.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** ~ Once again as we go through the Lenten Season, as we use this opportunity to get together not only for fellowship with one another but to come and worship God together with praise. Join us each Thursday in the month of March and on April 5th at 6:30pm for a soup supper and for a Worship service at 7:15pm. Everyone Welcome!

**Thursday, Lectionary Bible Studies** ~ Due to having our Lenten Soup Suppers during the month of March and on April 5th, we will be postponing our Thursday Lectionary Bible Study at 11am and potluck at 12:15pm until April 12th.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** ~ Men, join us on Saturday, March 10 from 8-9am in the lounge for a continental breakfast, fellowship and bible study on the Book of Acts.

**Youth Advisory Team Meeting** ~ Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 9:30am.

**Easter Baskets** ~ Today the Deacons will begin the annual collection of food items for the Easter Baskets. Throughout the month of March, please look at the Welcome Center for the brown grocery bags with an attached paper banner of suggested items to donate. The items listed on each bag will change weekly based on the need of the Food Pantry. Please return bags to the Narthex area each Sunday. Bags will be collected from the congregation until Sunday, March 25. We invite you to participate as many weeks as you wish. The Deacons will pack Easter baskets on March 29. Basket distribution will take place on March 30. Thank you for your willingness to answer God's calling through this project.

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

### THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Pat  
Children second grade and younger may leave afterward for Kids for Christ.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Linda Hoover, Liturgist  
FIRST READING **Psalm 27** pg.864 (OT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" Geneva Choir

SECOND READING **Luke 10: 38-42** pg.1613 (NT) in the pew bible

SERMON "Encounters with Christ ~  
**Jesus and Mary and Martha**" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

### OUR RESPONSE

\*HYMN #465 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Linda Hoover  
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 Linda Hoover

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION  
THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Beloved of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the One who knows us and loves us.**

Beloved of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Our praise is continually offered to our Hope, our Trust, our God.**

When there was nothing but your love, you formed all that is beautiful and good; ...so today, believing that your Word has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, we join our voices with those who now know you fully, lifting our voices in continual praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy Spirit, may the bread which is broken...through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, God of all the ages. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN #514

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— “May The Lord”

**May the Lord, mighty God,  
bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift up your eyes and see God's face,  
full of grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God,  
bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE

Shannon Smith

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5-11, 2007**

<b>Monday, March 5 -</b>	<b>Rev. Pat on vacation from March 5-7; Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 6 -</b>	<b>Mega Meetings 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 7 -</b>	<b>No Staff meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, March 8 -</b>	<b>Session Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm; Worship 7:15pm; New Seasons Bible Study 7:15pm in Commons; Choir</b>
<b>Friday, March 9 -</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10-12pm</b>
<b>Saturday, March 10 -</b>	<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in lounge; Youth Team meeting 9:30am; Food Distribution 9:30-10:30am</b>
<b>Sunday, March 11 -</b>	<b>Services 9:15 &amp; 11:30 with Communion at second service; Preschool Open House from 1-3pm in the school education wing; New Seasons Church Service 3pm in the sanctuary</b>

**CHURCH SCHOOL — 10:30 - 11:20 SUNDAY**

Beginners Sunday School Class (3, 4, & 5 yr. olds & 1st grade).....	Rm. 104
Grades 2,3, 4, 5.....	Rm. 106
Junior High (grades, 6, 7, 8).....	Junior High Room (downstairs)
Senior High (grades 9-12).....	Senior High Room (downstairs)
<b>FOR ADULTS:</b>	
Bible Study.....	Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....	Library Room 102
Nursery Room Available.....	Rm. 105
Kids for Christ—after Time With The Younger Church during 9:15am worship (3years old through 2nd grade).....	Rm. 110

There will be **Coffee Hour and Fellowship** in the **Commons** at **10:30am**.

**Information for the Newsletter should be received by the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

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.