

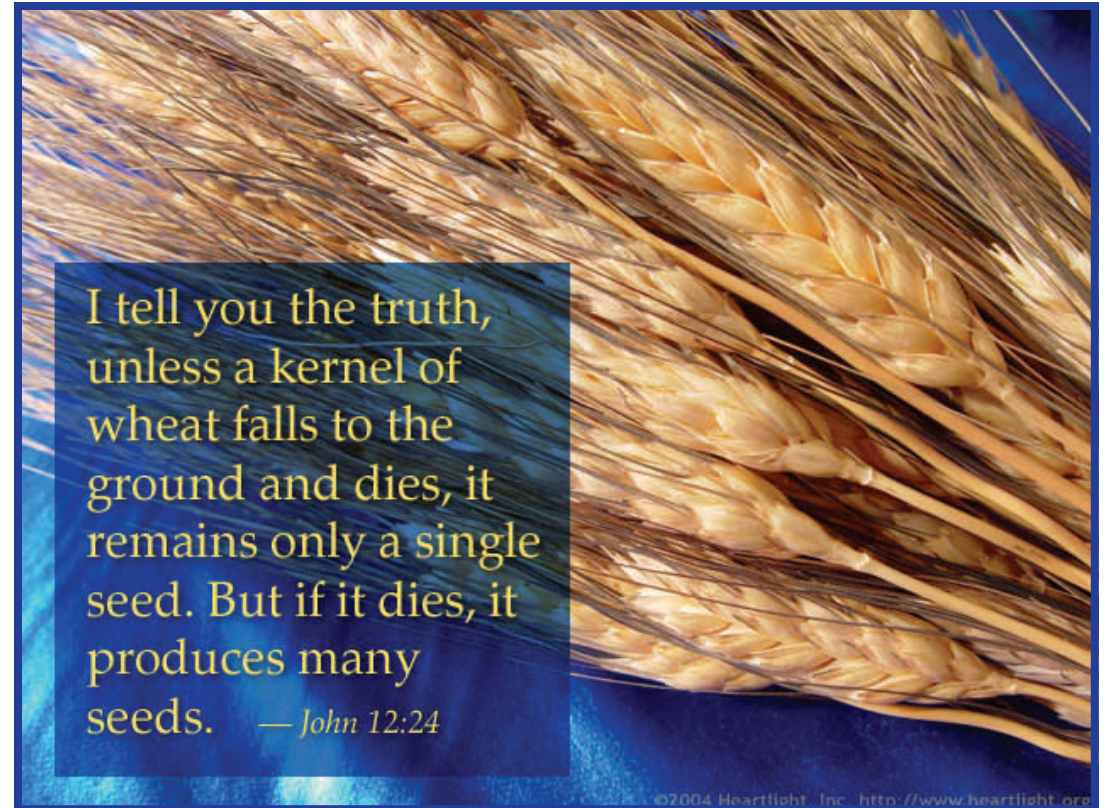
*Thought for the Week*

*Dear God, please find for me the things I've lost. Find for me a heart of hope and of trust. Find a love that runs silent and strong through Dark days as well as bright. Find a ribbon of truth to tie around each fragment of my life. Find a joy and a peace that I can give to every hurting one. And please, Lord, find for me a faith that's big enough, mellow enough, to admit my wrongs and to trust that you will still find me and welcome me home.*

*O God who lifts little lost lambs close to your heart, O God who gives the heart a desire to return to you, I ask your mercy and your forgiveness for all the treasures I've misplaced. I give you thanks and praise for the beauty of finding them again. Amen.*

*Taken from Fresh Bread by Joyce Rupp*

# *Fifth Sunday in Lent*



*I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. — John 12:24*

*March 29, 2009*

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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).

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**SILENT REFLECTION** (From Kneeling in Jerusalem by Ann Weems)

When the people of God gather for worship the whole earth trembles and the angels sing.

**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!**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**OPENING SET ~ "I Rejoiced When They Said to Me,"**

**"Here I Am to Worship,"**

**"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ "Take My Life"**

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Rev. Pat

"A Look at One Great Hour of Sharing"

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

**Maundy Thursday, April 9th**— Please note that this is our final Wednesday Soup Supper. You are invited to bring a backpack for our journey that night. Please put a few pieces of fruit in it if you can. (Oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, etc.) and a cake mix and can of frosting or a bag of jelly bean or peeps!)

**Soups** ~ Woody Cole, Rev. Pat, Jean Burtch, Sharon

Durrant, Anna Jones

**Salads** ~ Louise Hughes, Judy Stuart, Sally Kille, Connie Winslow, Marj Heaton

**Food Pantry** ~ We are asking you to bring in some Easter candy, cake mixes, eggs etc., that can be placed into the food baskets at Easter. We have many of families with children and it would be a blessing and a treat for them to receive some candy at this time.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** ~ On Sunday April 12th we will be receiving this offering and the envelopes will be inserted into your bulletins on this day.

**Upcoming Holy Week Services** ~

April 5 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday/Cantata 10am ~ Breakfast 8:30-10am & 11:15am-12:30pm

April 9 ~ Maundy Thursday Simple Supper 6:30pm followed by Worship 7:15pm

April 10 ~ Good Friday Service 7pm

April 11 ~ Easter Vigil Service 7pm

April 12 ~ Sunrise Service 6:59am at the Stranahan Outside Amphitheatre at 3840 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Toledo Ohio

April 12 ~ Easter Service 10am

**April Deacons Meeting** ~ The meeting scheduled for April 13 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 11 at 6:30pm with Prayer of Discernment, followed by the meeting at 7pm.

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 March 22, 2009: 73**

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Linda Hoover, John MacPherson, Dan Yeager

TODAY'S GREETER: Maud Pearson

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Marilyn McAfee, Capt./ Betty Geniac, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: The Winslow Family

### Special Announcements

**Scrip Cards ~** With Easter coming and Mother's Day and Father's Day right around the corner, you might want to treat that someone special with a gift that will not only honor them but bring forth many blessings. This gift is our scrip cards, which are available at the Welcome Center on Sundays and during the week you can stop at the church office and see Darlene. The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-2pm. By your purchase of a scrip card you help in supporting the Food Pantry, Mission trips etc. For each \$25 you purchase, your name will be put in for a drawing of a free gift card. You could be that lucky winner!

**Fairgreen Church Golf League ~** It's that time again! You can smell it in the air! The greens are calling us! Join us on Thursdays starting April 23rd at the Bedford Hills Golf Course, 6400 Jackman Rd. in Temperance Michigan. Tee off time is 10:00am. You will find a sign up sheet located on the Welcome Center and one hanging on the church office door.

**Lenten Soup Suppers ~** Join us on Wednesday, April 1, and April 9, 2009 at 6:30pm followed by Worship at 7:15pm. Please bring your own table service. Childcare for children four and younger will be provided. Here is a list of those providing the meals on Wednesdays:

**April 1st — Soups ~** Rev. Pat, Barb Roadruck, Carol Yeager, Carol Stoll, Youth

**Salads ~** Louise Hughes, Linda Hoover, Kathy Riley, Youth to do 2 salads

## 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 51:1-12**

pg.889(OT) in the pew Bible

### **ANTHEM**

**"In Me"**

The Praise Band

### **SECOND READING**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

pg. 1227(OT) in the pew Bible

### **GOSPEL READING**

**John 12:20-33**

pg. 1671(NT) in the pew Bible

### **SERMON**

**"Dying To Life: An Image of God's Grace"**

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

### **\*HYMN #2129**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

### **THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS**

***Stewardship is everything you do after you say "I believe."***

***Stewardship is making soup and salads for our mid-week Lenten***

***Suppers and then welcoming whoever shows up at our door to eat!***

### **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.

#### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

May the Lord of Lent be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who calls us Beloved.**

Beloved of God, give thanks and praise to the One who loves you forever.

**We sing our hymns of joy to the One who leads us into the kingdom.**

Hearts full of joy are lifted to you, God of the Covenant. When there was no time as we knew it, you created Day and Night,...Therefore, we lift our voices with the faithful of every time and place, and the choirs of the kingdom, who forever sing of your goodness and love:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, God of Faithfulness,...As we continue our journey to Jerusalem which will test our faith and offer us opportunities to serve, we remember the life, the death, the resurrection of the One we follow. Great is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

On this day, and in this place, God of Mystery,...Then, seated around the Table you set before us, with the Beloved of every time and of every place, we will merge our songs of praise with those who have shown your steadfast love and faithfulness to all generations, singing our praise to you, God of Abraham and Noah, of Rebecca and Mary; Jesus of the poor and oppressed; Spirit of the lost and the least: God in Community, Holy in One. Amen and 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**

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We thank you, O God, that through the 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 AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #2260 "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.**

**Next Week ~ Palm/Passion Sunday.** This will be a special service with both the Liturgy of the Palms and the Liturgy of the Passion. The Geneva Choir will present Lenten Canticles-A Passion Cantata. Palm Sunday Breakfast 8:30am—10:00am and 11:15am-12:30pm

**Texts:** Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39

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**Calendar for the Week of March 30-April 5, 2009**

**Monday, Mar. 30 ~ Adult volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons**  
**Tuesday, Mar. 31 ~ Preschool Clothing Sale meeting 6:30pm**  
**Wednesday, April 1 ~ Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm**  
**Mid Week Service 7:15pm**  
**Thursday, April 2 ~ Rev. Pat in New York April 2-4**  
**Choir practice 6:30pm**  
**Friday, April 3 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm**  
**Sunday, April 5 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday/Cantata 10:00am; The Geneva Choir will sing; Palm Sunday Breakfast 8:30-10am and 11:15am-12:30pm**

**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**  
**Sunday School Grades 2-8.....Junior High Room-downstairs**  
**Senior High (Grades 9-12)..... Meet at the Sr. High Room-downstairs**

**Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.**

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