



In the morning
I will sing
of your love.

Psalm 59:16, NIV

*These Easter plants were donated
in memory or honor of our Loved
ones to glorify God as they
symbolize the joy and splendor
of His Resurrection.*

- Darlene Hughes.....In Memory of Don Wolff*
- Woody & Web Cole.....For All The Saints!*
- Mike & Barb Roadruck.....The Memory of Love*
- Pat Gibson.....The Day of Resurrection! Thanks Be To God!*
- Sally Kille.....In Loving Memory of Estella Hall*
- Fred & Bev King.....Hosanna In The Highest!*
- Anna Jones.....In Loving Memory of Jim and Greg Jones*
- Rick & Kay Amendola.....Gratefully*
- Marilyn McAfee.....In Loving Memory of My Parents*
- Connie Winslow.....Joy!*
- Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell.....In Loving Memory of Don Campbell*
- Jean Burtch.....Hallelujah!*
- Sharon Durrant.....In Loving Memory of My Parents and John Durrant*
- Maud Pearson.....In Memory of My Son*
- Stacy Skinner.....Christ Is Alive!*
- Don & Barbara Gorrell.....In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- Gayle Bell.....In Memory of My Family*
- Jan & Len Anderson.....In Loving Memory of
Philip & Regina Anderson and Edna Mae Kinzie*
- Jackie Campbell.....In Loving Memory of Don*
- Ed & Betty Wolff.....Rejoice In Our Risen Lord!*
- Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer.....For All The Saints At Fairgreen*



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 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).

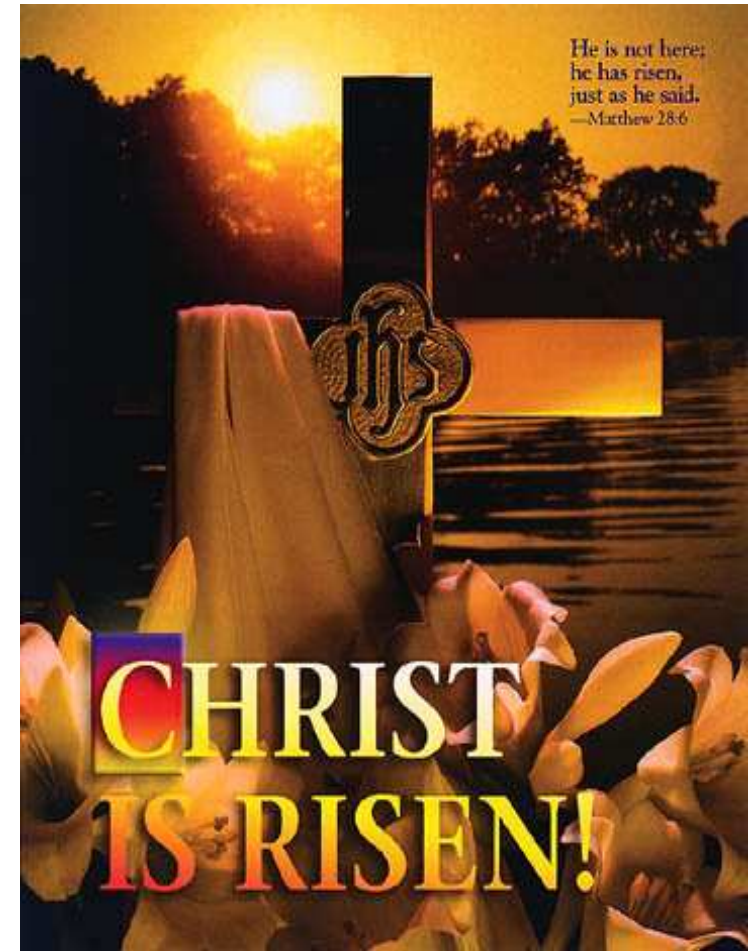
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7:00 AM



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

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews.
Christ has risen!
Christ has risen indeed!

SILENT REFLECTION

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to a life of joy, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHER IN THE GARDEN IN GOD'S NAME

AN EASTER CONFESSION

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

My friends, why are you here? Your friend Jesus - didn't he die on Friday? Is there really any reason for you to gather here this day in his name?

We come because we believe that he has risen. We come despite our doubts and our fears. We come despite our occasional straying. We come on bended knees, asking God's forgiveness. We come believing that God loves us.

Let us prepare our hearts.

We come, dear Lord, seeking your forgiveness, confident of your love, trusting in your promises. Forgive our sins and enable us to be your disciples, living in our world for the living Christ.

God is gracious and ready to forgive us. God grants us mercy for Jesus' sake. Your faith is well founded. You are forgiven. You have been set free to worship and service the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #469

"Morning Has Broken"

Great Banquet Meetings ~

#1 Team Meeting Saturday, April 5th from 9-12:30pm
#3 Team Meeting Sunday, April 20th from 2:30-6pm
Board Meeting 4:30pm and Gathering 6pm on Sunday, April 20th

Preschool Spring Flower Sale ~ The Preschool will once again be selling flowers from April 7-23rd. If you are interested in purchasing any flowers there will be order forms on the Welcome Center starting on Sunday, April 6th.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Easter Garden

This Word

**who squeezed the vowels of chaos into this rough world,
who spit and filled the oceans,
who wrote on the ground, carving the Grand Canyon;
daffodils lift their faces to**

this Light,

**while grass races toward it like a wave;
trees cup their leaves to catch**

this Water,

clapping with delight at the rich banquet;

this playful Poet

**who gives whiskers to kittens,
skipping hearts to lambs, canticles to frogs;**

this Breath

blowing into our grandparent's nostrils;

this One...

is the Gardner!

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Sunday School 11:15am – 12:00pm

FOR ADULTS:

Bible Study.....In Lounge
Faith Sharing Bible Study.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105
Kindergarten – 5th grade.....Room behind Sanctuary
6th – 8th grade.....Downstairs Junior High Room
9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

Join us for Coffee Hour at 11:00am in the Commons.

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.

Number who worshiped with us on March 9, 2008: 62

TODAY'S USHERS: Ed Wolff, Capt./ Sharon Durrant, Dan Yeager, John MacPherson

TODAY'S GREETER: Jackie & Kevin Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Gina Beauregard, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Marilyn McAfee

Special Announcements

Church Office Closed ~ The office will be closed on Monday, March 24th.

Food Pantry ~ Please bring any or all of the following items to help us bless those who come to the Food Pantry each week as the items listed here cannot be purchased by food assistance. They are: toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, and laundry detergent

Thank You ~ For the overwhelming support of the Deacon's Palm Sunday Breakfast. The proceeds of approximately \$300 will help support our many causes, such as the food distribution programs, Pastor's Benevolence Fund, flowers and cards for those in need, and IHN/Family Promise. Please join us for breakfast and conversation again on Father's Day, June 15th.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Quiet and persistent God, you work miracles in the silent hush before dawn.

Strong and surprising God, you roll away every stumbling stone and brink life to all our dead ends.

Whirling and dancing God, you delight in empty tombs and surprising visits.

Easter God, you give us so much joy and you cause the "Alleluias" to flow from us again and again.

Risen God, forever rising in us, we gather to sing your joy this wonderful Easter morn.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #123**

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LITANY OF ALLELUIAS

The woman went and found the stone was rolled away.

(Quietly) Alleluia!

Don't be afraid!

(Little louder) Alleluia!

Jesus is not here - he has been raised!

(Loud) Alleluia!

Look, here is where the body was!

(Louder) Alleluia!

God and tell the others that he has been raised!

(Louder yet) Alleluia!

Jesus is going ahead of you.

(Really loud) Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

(Shouting) Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Wildly ecstatic) Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

pg.956 (OT) in the pew Bible

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING

John 20: 11-18

pg.1686 (NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"Hope Unfolding ~ Jesus is Alive"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God...

**Who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain;
who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved;
who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of oceans;
who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.**

We believe in Jesus...

**The risen Christ, the friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world;
who loves us without judgment yet persuades us to change;
who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and the oppressed;
who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent;
who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying and blesses the breaking of bread.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit...

**Who weaves us into communities of faith for all ages, nations and races;
who is the stillness in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.**

We believe we are called to be an Easter people...

Challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

We believe in the church...

The handholding, heartily singing and passionate, caring fellowship of believers.

This we believe.

This we believe! Alleluia! Amen!

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS including the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY ~ #593

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins and sinners)

*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 ~ Second Sunday of Easter; The Praise Band will play; Cindy Smith will deliver the message

Texts: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

Calendar for the Week of March 24-30, 2008

Monday, Mar. 24 ~	Church Office Closed Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons Alpha Omega Circle 7pm in lounge
Thursday, Mar. 27 ~	Choir 6:45pm and Praise Band
Friday, Mar. 28 ~	Food Pantry 10-12pm
Sunday, Mar. 30 ~	Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service 10:00am, Praise Band plays, Cindy Smith will deliver the message