



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).

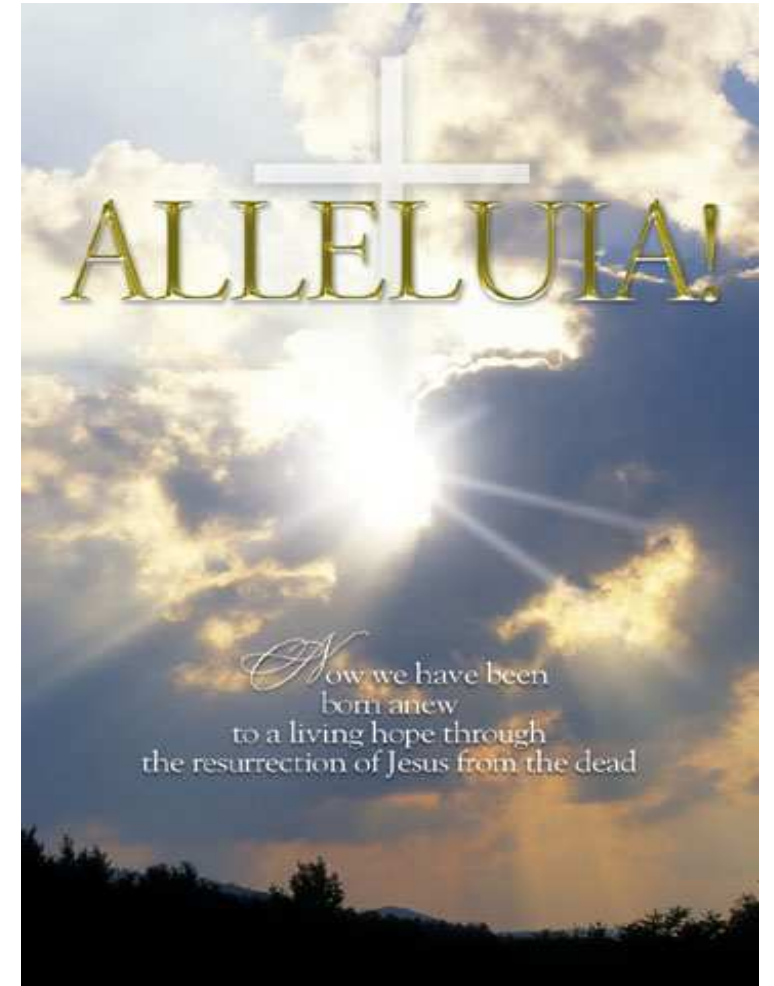
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*March 23, 2008*



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.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

Shannon Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen indeed!**

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

OPENING HYMN #469

"Morning Has Broken"

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 serve the Lord!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred King, Liturgist

Easter begins in despair. Our life, our love, our hope forever dead, crushed by boulder, bottled up in a cave.

**Who will roll away the stone?**

Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning. The obstacles we expect to face are removed. Where once death and despair laid locked in time now the bright light of hope sprouts wings to fly from emptiness. It is, at first, too good to be true.

**Where have you laid him?**

**Great Banquet Meetings ~**

#1 Team Meeting Saturday, April 5th from 9-12:30pm

#2 Team Meeting Saturday, April 19th 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.

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**Mary Comes To The Tomb**

The wet earth clings to my feet on this early morning errand that weighs me down with death.

I have not slept;  
my food is tasteless;  
my heart aches, aches.

How can it be in this fractured world that morning still comes?

I wince as sparrows gather at my window, singing, and I wish my own mind were so small that, like these birds, it could not grasp the barrenness of this bleakest dawn.

I am finished with love, dead as the tomb that is my hopeless destination. That place is sealed, shut tight as my soul, yet I am drawn there. For it is where I left my love behind.

I need to return, perhaps to find a shred of him to carry in my fisted heart. But someone else has already come.

Who is this that stands in the way of my mourning?

Timothy Haut, Dee River, CT

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.....Room behind Sanctuary**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.....Downstairs Junior High Room**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Pat is on vacation through Monday, March 31st.

**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.

When faced with a miracle, our first reflex is to run.

**Be not afraid. Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here: see the place where they laid him. But go your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee. There you shall see him.**

Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise as quietly as the sun creeping over the horizon, or it may explode like fireworks, painting the world with dazzle. We recognize the One who was dead as he comes to life in us.

**Christ is risen, risen indeed! Alleluia!**

And all who encounter the Risen One whether gently roused by the sunrise or surprised by the sudden burst of joy will join the Resurrection Procession one by one, slipping into step, some of us singing, some of us silently soaking it in, and all of us feeling like dancing.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen, risen indeed!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #118

"The Day of Resurrection"

**THE WORD OF GOD**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

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!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  
FIRST READING

**Colossians 3: 1-4**

Fred King, Liturgist  
pg.1834 (NT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

**"Anthem For Resurrection"**

Geneva Choir

SECOND READING  
SERMON

**Matthew 28: 1-10**  
**"Hope Unfolding ~ Jesus is Alive"**

pg.1549 (NT) in the pew Bible  
Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

\*HYMN #3002

"Lord of the Dance"

\*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!**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD  
OFFERING  
DOXOLOGY #593

Fred King  
*(including our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)*

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Fred King

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

ANTHEM

**"Hallelujah Chorus" (G.F. Handel)**

Geneva Choir

*(You are invited to come up and join us as we sing; music will be available)*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*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

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**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

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**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**