

On this day, and in this place... 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING ~ 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.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— "SANCTUARY" (sing it through only once...)

(Those who are able, please 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**

POSTLUDE

Shannon Smith

Next Week's Texts: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7; Psalm 22: 23-81; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38

Sermon Title: "Taking Up Our Cross!"

Don't forget we will gather for a simple supper and Worship at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 9th

Theme: "The Hands of Lent" —Serving Hands



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 9:15 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.

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**First
Sunday
in Lent**



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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE Shannon Smith
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dick Schroeder, Liturgist

One: Come home, home to the embrace of God.
All: We are walking the Lenten path from past errors to future possibilities. We are walking from haunting memories to a new day. We are walking from troubling fears to new hope.
One: Come home, taste the goodness of God, hear the love of God, feel God's tender grace.
All: We are walking towards wholeness. We are on the path of joy, and our hearts are filled with thanks and praise.
One: Come home this day; dwell with Christ in this holy place and in God's amazing grace.

*HYMN #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (Psalm 25)
One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
All: Don't fail me God, for I am trusting you. Don't let my enemies have victory over me. Show me the path where I should go; point out the right road for me to walk.
One: Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who gives salvation. I have no hope except in you.
All: Over look our youthful sins, O God. Look at me instead through eyes of mercy and forgiveness, eyes of everlasting love and kindness.
One: God is good and glad to teach the proper path to all who go astray; God will teach the ways that are right and best to those who humbly turn to God.

*SILENT CONFESSION
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 Dick Schroeder
FIRST READING **Genesis 9: 8-17** pg.13 (OT) in pew Bible

ANTHEM "Like Sheep" Geneva Choir

GOSPEL READING **Mark 1: 9-15** pg.1552 (NT) in pew Bible
SERMON "Wilderness Wanderings" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Dick Schroeder
OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY One 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 Dick Schroeder

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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... 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 begin that 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.