

Next Week's Texts: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Texts: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-23

Sermon Theme: "Lower Than Angels"

Don't forget we will gather for a simple supper and Worship at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 30th

—Theme: The Hands of Lent— Angry Hands

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is "Van Go" Sunday and you will see that in the Narthex on the table is the Van Can. Please stop by and place your donation to help us defray the cost of gasoline.

Are you the lucky winner? Well look on the outside of your bulletin and if you have a 40th Anniversary gold and green sticker, then you have won! That's right! To claim your gift please go to the Welcome Center and someone will hand you your gift.

On Thursday, March 30th is our Lenten Soup Supper at 6pm and Worship at 6:30pm. Please bring your own bowl and table service.

"Take me out to the ballgame?"—That's the theme for our April 5th closing celebration of Yah-Way. Tickets are only \$2, and that includes a hot dog supper and a whole lot of fun at "the ballgame". Don't miss it! Sign up today so you'll be guaranteed a good seat. Oh yes—wear your favorite team attire (you might even want to bring your own mitt.) As a bonus, at the end of "the game" we'll even have a Fairgreen version of fireworks!

IHN received donations of two sweepers and one hand vacuum. Elaine is now receiving WIC for baby James. Thanks for your help. Still needed are a new washer, dryer and queen size sheets and pillow cases for new Aero beds. Please contact Marilyn McAfee at 734-847-3100.

Begin preparing for the upcoming Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, April 9, 2006 from 8:30-11:00am. The Deacons will be serving pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee cake, juice, coffee and tea. A Free Will Offering will be taken to support the Van Ministry.

We are in need of ushers and communion servers. If you are interested in serving on a monthly basis please call Louise Hughes at 419-475-0322.

Please add this cell phone number (419-277-2673) under Kay Monroe's name in the Church Directory.

The #2 Great Banquet Team meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 from 9:00am to 12:30pm.



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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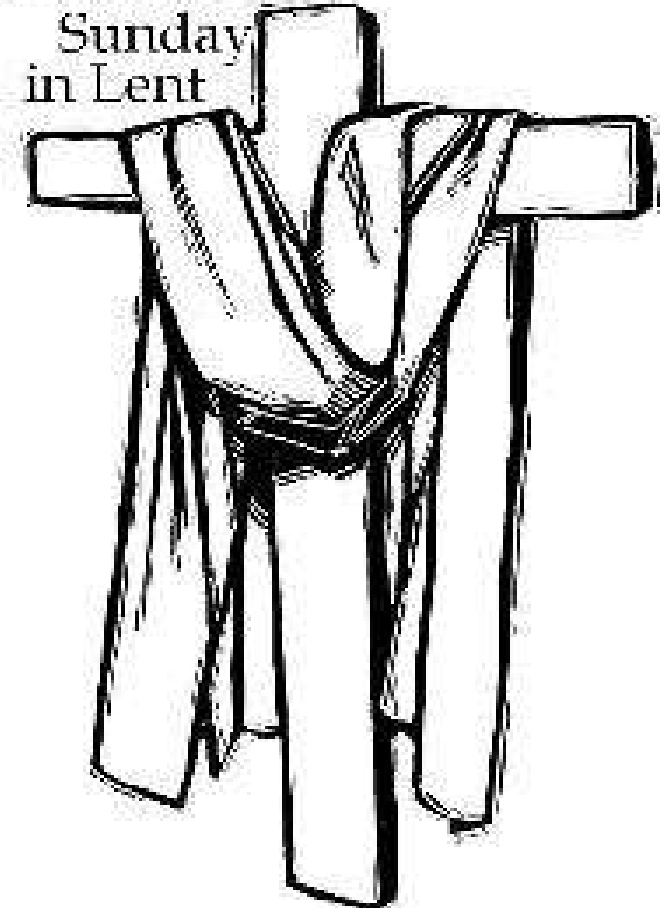
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March 26, 2006

**Fourth
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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE Shannon Smith

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews

SILENT REFLECTION
To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping; bow the head and all its thinking; bow the will and all its choosing; bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Henning, Liturgist

One: On this fine day, look up and out -
All: See the people yearning for meaning, hungering for truth, searching for God.
One: Look up and look far -
All: See the wounded bearing their grief; see the stranger longing to be welcomed; see the frightened fearing another rejection.
One: Look up and look within -
All: See the hurt within us that longs to be healed; see the sin that begs for forgiveness; see the timid part of ourselves that desires release and power.
One: Look up and look deep -
All: See Christ with arms opened wide, with eyes filled with love, with our name on his lips.
One: Look up and sing -
All: Sing of God's love that welcomes us and welcomes all.

*HYMN #488 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat.

By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

The Light of the world has come but we admit we love the shadows all around us.
For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.
Forgive us, Eternal Lord: lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may kneel in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*SILENT CONFESSION
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the community of faith say so: God's love endures forever!
Let those gathered in grace say so: God's love endures forever!
Let those gathered from all parts of the world say so: God's love endures forever!
This is the good news for us: God's love endures forever. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

*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 Bill Henning
FIRST READING **Ephesians 2: 1-10** pg. 1818(NT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM "Piedad" Geneva Choir

SECOND READING **Numbers 21: 4-9** pg.242(OT) Rev. Pat
GOSPEL READING **John 3: 1-17** pg.1650(NT) in the pew bible

SERMON "Saved by the Snake" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #485 "To God Be the Glory"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Bill Henning
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 Bill Henning
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts) pg.16 in the hymnal (traditional)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SENDING #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*CHARGE & BLESSING
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— SANCTUARY
(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. CCL#1025014**

POSTLUDE Shannon Smith