

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 the ocean;
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 seekers and finders.

This we believe.

This we believe! Alleluia! Amen!

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ One Child/One Night
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD
OFFERING

Tim Eichenauer

*DOXOLOGY #593

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Tim Eichenauer

pg.16 in the hymnal (traditional)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #543

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*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**

"Abide With Me"

Shannon Smith

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Texts: Sixth Sunday in Easter

Intergenerational Worship ~ 10:30AM; No Sunday School, Holy Communion will be served by Intinction

Texts: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

Theme: The Family of God in word and drama.



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.

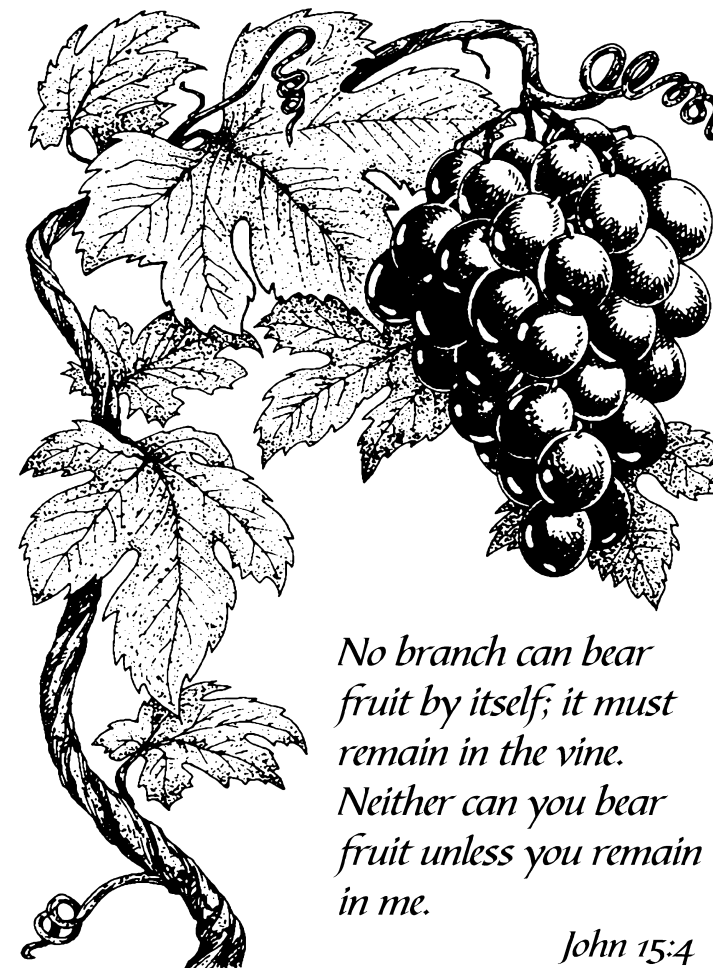
TAPES OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON are available. Contact the church office or Art Sattler.

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No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE
WELCOME

Shannon Smith

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews

SILENT REFLECTION

(Marie Ware—1798)

God be in my head, and my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God by in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be in my end, and at my departing. Amen.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Eichenauer, Liturgist

Here, in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful:

We lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praises.

Here, in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ:

Grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.

Here, where God waits to open the Word for us:

We shall be filled with love so we can go to serve others.

UNISON PRAYER OF THE DAY

Like a mother sending her children off to school each day, you watch us walk down the streets of the kingdom, trusting and believing we will bear fruit; like a mother softly lullabying her baby to sleep, you let us snuggle in your lap as you softly sing to us of grace and hope; like a mother asking a neighbor over for coffee, you invite us to enter into your heart. God of Abiding Love, we are here to praise you. Amen.

*HYMN #464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Pat

The seeds of grace, hope and love are planted deep within us, so they can bear fruit in our lives. But we resist staying connected to the Vine, thinking we can flourish on our own. Let us confess our sins, so we can once more feel God abiding in us.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Compassion, you call us to be one body but we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces. We insist on our own way often hating our brothers and sisters just because they are not like us. Transform us as you forgive our sins and shortcomings. Abide in us so that we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"The Gloria Patri" (#577)

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

Tim Eichenauer

FIRST READING

I John 4: 7-21

pg.1902 (NT) in the pew bible

ANTHEM

"Be Not Afraid"

Shannon Smith

GOSPEL READING

John 15: 1-11 (NRSV)

Rev. Pat

SERMON

"Lovingly Bearing Fruit!"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN

"God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us"
(Tune: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

God, you wrap your love around us,
Like a blanket, soft and warm.
You give rest when we are weary,
You protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter
In these blankets that we share
Also feel the joy and comfort
Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby,
Sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried—
Far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel,
Safe from terror, free from harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection,
Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men, and children
Fleeing danger every day
Know, through us, your living presence;
You walk with them on their way.
Spirit, as you give them comfort,
Teach us here to freely give;
May we blanket this world over
With your love, so all may live.

Carolyn Winfred Gillette
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