

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have called by name and reconciled to yourself, we pray: Our Father...

**BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN #294

“Wherever I May Wander”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— “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.

POSTLUDE

Shannon Smith

Next Week's Texts: Fifth Sunday in Easter

**First Service ~ 9:15AM and Second Service ~ 11:30AM**

Holy Communion will be celebrated at second service

One Child/One Night Offering will be received

Texts: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; I John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

Sermon title may be “Who Gets to Choose?”



**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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**“I am  
the good  
shepherd.**

I know  
my own  
and  
my own  
know me.”

**John 10:14**



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 OF EASTER**

PRELUDE Shannon Smith

WELCOME  
Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen indeed!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews

SILENT REFLECTION  
Loving God, you have made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Pat  
Who Is It?

\*HYMN #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat  
Knowing how easy it is to wander from the paths of right living; aware of all the shadowed valleys we wander; remembering how we have failed to place our trust in God—how can we not come to God with our confessions? Please join me as we pray, saying,

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Comforting God, we confess the emptiness of our souls which sends us searching for all those things which cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fill us with every lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us.**

**Forgive us, God of Goodness. Call us back from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in your heart, healing from your hands, and life together in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

\*SILENT PRAYERS

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
This is the good news: God will walk with us in every moment, God will fill us with goodness and mercy, God will bring us home to live forever  
**Anointed with grace and forgiveness, our lives overflow with love for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*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 Dee Smale, Liturgist  
FIRST READING Psalm 23 p.862 (OT) in pew Bible

ANTHEM Geneva Choir

GOSPEL READING John 10: 1-21 p.1666(NT) in pew Bible  
HOMILY "Being Sheepish" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

\*HYMN #304 "Jesus Loves Me!"

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ One Child/One Night

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Dee Smale  
OFFERING

\*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.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**INVITATION**

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

God be with you,  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts:  
**We lift them up to God.**  
Let us thank God:  
**It is good to thank God.**

We thank you God that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love.

**If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.**

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence.  
**We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word.**