

*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. Amen.**

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

*HYMN #403 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Pat

*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.**

Next Week ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter; The Praise Band will play; Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Texts: Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11



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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*They who
have my
commandments
and keep
them are
those who
LOVE
me . . .
John 14:21*



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE Shannon Smith

SILENT REFLECTION John 11: 25, 26
"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews.
This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHORAL INTROIT **"O Jesus, Blest Redeemer"** Geneva Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP Gardy Bandfield, Liturgist

Praise God with bouquets of joy and miles of laughter.
Praise God for children's delight and grandparents' wisdom.
Praise God for the slant of sunlight and the eagles' flights.
Praise God with deeds of love and words of compassion and care.
Praise God with the sound of strings and voices raised in song.
Let us indeed praise God!

UNISON OF PRAYER OF PRAISE
Lord of life and health, we bring ourselves body and soul before you now, to give you our thanks and declare our need. We gather together to sing your praises. Hear us now as you pour out your blessings upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what

we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION Rev. Pat
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON "The Gloria Patri" (#577)
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Pat

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Gardy Bandfield, Liturgist
FIRST READING **Psalm 66: 8-20** pg. 901(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM **"My God and I"** Geneva Choir

SECOND READING **1 Peter 3: 13-22** pg. 1890(NT) in the pew Bible

THIRD READING **John 14: 15-21** pg. 1622(NT) in the pew Bible
SERMON **"If You Love Me...!"** Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #319 "Spirit"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed on pg. 14 of the Hymnal

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD
OFFERING