

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Read Matthew 16: 13-20

Q & A

When it shows up on the test ('who do you say I am?')
I quickly flip open the book and copy out the answers...

For

'Son of the living God' has become a research paper
(hopefully expanding into a dissertation)
with experts, writing in several languages,
quoted to support my view, but a real Person:
calling me to follow; willing to open my shut mind;
hoping to send me out to confront the powers
in my corner of the world?

And I have said 'Lord'
so many times that I have lost count,
but the instances I have (actually, willingly, eagerly)
given you control of my life?

Even if I include the thumb on my counting hand,
I still have several fingers left over...
so maybe I need to close the book,
and open my self to you.

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Finding Hope In The Attic



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10:00 AM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."



21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

By the gracious gift of God-the God who has created us for communion; the God who has adopted us through Christ; the God by whose spirit we are baptized-each of us are created for and called into one body, the body of Christ. Praise the Lord!

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

**OPENING SET ~ #2022 "Great Is The Lord"
#2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ #2203 "In His Time"

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

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 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.

SUNDAY SERMON

TAPES are available by contacting the church office.

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 cell (419-215-2939).

Great Banquet Meetings ~

Saturday, September 6 ~ #2 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm
Saturday, September 13 ~ #3 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm
Sunday, September 21 ~ Board Meeting 4:30pm followed by a Gathering at 6pm
Saturday, September 27 ~ #4 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm
Saturday, October 4 ~ #5 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm

The Upcoming #35 Men's Great Banquet Weekend runs from October 9-12 and the #36 Women's Great Banquet Weekend runs from October 16-19.

Food Pantry ~ For the month of August your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any or all of the following items for the Food Pantry: peanut butter, canned soups, canned fruit, canned stews, macaroni & cheese, cheese slices, hot dogs, eggs, toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

Alpha Omega Bible Study ~ In the Fall we will be studying out of the book, entitled "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor". If you are interested in obtaining one of these books, please call Darlene in the church office between the hours of 8:30-2pm Monday through Friday. The cost of the book is \$6 plus shipping and handling, but we ask that you not pay anything at this time, as you will be notified at a later date of the final cost. The cut off date to place your order is Friday, August 29th.

Communion Table Flowers ~ If anyone would be interested in having flowers placed on the Communion table on Sunday's to celebrate an occasion or maybe in loving memory of a loved one who has passed away, please feel free to contact Darlene in the church office and she will be more than glad to order the floral arrangement through our Florist at a cost of \$25.

Scrip Cards ~ Just a reminder that we have scrip gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays with Julie Murray and see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm. When you purchase these gift cards our church benefits from it financially. Not only are you receiving the card to use it, but the church is receiving a percentage back from each gift card that is purchased. Plan ahead and look at the month to see what cards you will need in making your purchases, eating out, buying gas etc. Missions and the Food Pantry benefit by your taking the time to buy scrip cards. Let's all do our part.

Number who worshiped with us on August 17, 2008: 71

TODAY'S USHERS: Gayle Bell, Capt./ Kim Jensen, Kendy Edinger, Betty Geniac
TODAY'S GREETERS: Linda Hoover, Isabella Wu
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Mike Roadruck, Capt./ Barb Roadruck, Kay Amendola,
Betty Geniac
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Jacob & Betty Close
NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Cindy Smith

Special Announcements

Church Directories ~ Please do not forget to stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your church directory. They have address labels on the back so it makes it easier for you to find your name. Please remember there is only one per family. Thank You.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Men's Prayer Breakfast ~** Saturday, September 13 from 8-9am in the lounge
- Presbytery Meeting ~** Tuesday, September 16 at 3pm at First Presbyterian Church in Montpelier, Ohio
- Church Clean Up Day ~** Saturday, September 20 from 9am-?
- Alpha Omega Circle ~** Monday, September 22 at 4pm in the lounge
- Deacons Chicken BBQ ~** Saturday, September 27, 4:30-5:30pm Carry out and dinner will be served from 5-7pm
Cost: \$8 Adults & \$3 children 10 and under
- Adult Volleyball Begins ~** Monday, September 29 from 7-9pm in the Commons
- Preschool Parents Work Night ~** Tuesday, September 30 , 2008 at 6:30pm in the Commons

Summer Study Series ~ "Do What You Have The Power To Do!" We will meet on the following dates from 11:15-12:15pm in the church lounge :
Sunday, August 24 ~ Touch (Mark 5: 25-34)
Sunday, September 14 ~ New Beginnings (John 7: 53-8:11)
Sunday, September 21 ~ Witnessing (John 4: 1-30, 39-42)

MEMORIES of loved ones can be expressed ANYTIME with a memorial contribution to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church.

The Church Office ~ Will be closed on Monday September 1, 2008 (Labor Day)

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING **Psalm 135: 1-7, 19-21** pg. 971 (OT) in the pew Bible

SPECIAL MUSIC Praise Band

SECOND READING **Matthew 6: 19-24 and/or** pg. 1504 (NT) in the pew Bible
Matthew 13: 44-51 pg. 1519 (NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON **"Finding Hope in the Attic" ~** Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer
The Christian Practice of Saying Yes and Saying No!"

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN #518** "Sheaves of Summer"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD 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.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with the 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

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you as we lift up our hearts giving thanks to God for it is always good to give thanks and praise to 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.

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**
- BLESSING OF THE 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.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #2260 "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.**

Next Week ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Shannon Smith will deliver the message and Cindy Smith will serve as liturgist.

Texts: Exodus 3: 1-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Calendar for the Week of August 25-31, 2008

- Monday, Aug. 25 ~** Rev. Pat is on Study Leave at Kirkmont Center August 25-31
- Wednesday, Aug. 27 ~** GB Women's Share Group 10:30am
- Thursday, Aug. 28 ~** Preschool Open House (All Day In Commons)
- Friday, Aug. 29 ~** Food Pantry 10-12pm
- Sunday, Aug. 31 ~** Worship Service 10:00am; Shannon Smith will provide the message.

Nursery Room (birth – 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, August 24, 2008.

Visit **THE CARD TABLE** in the narthex to sign or request cards to remember members of the Fairgreen family.

Are you in need of prayer? The **FAIRGREEN PRAYER CHAIN** is here for you. Call Leone Sattler at 419-474-1723 or Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.