

March 23rd, 2014
Third Sunday of Lent

RESTORED IN CHRIST

BROKEN BREAD



The Federated Church of Paxton
6:30 p.m. Worship Service



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Prelude “*We Would See Jesus*”

*** Opening Litany (*responsively*)**

One: God created us to be dependent and needy beings. We enter life helpless with no choice but to rely on others to provide for all of our needs—and through those others, God provides our needs.

All: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

One: Even as adults, our dependence and neediness continues. We must eat and drink every day. We need shelter and clothing, and we need a community and a purpose, and all of these needs God provides.

All: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

One: Though God faithfully keeps his promise to provide, our daily needs have a way of distracting us and mastering us. Material things grow large and demand our attention, and we lose perspective.

All: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

One: Indeed, there is more to life than the pursuit of bread, and today we pause to reorder our thinking and our lives. Today, we rejoice that God gives daily bread and his life-giving Word.

All: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Confession and Absolution

One: We so easily misuse what God gives: blessings become obsessions, gifts become vices and provisions become causes for temptation and sin. So we confess together our problems with daily bread and our struggle with life's material needs.

All: Lord, you shower me each day with all that I need to sustain this life. My material blessings are beyond number, and most of them I have simply come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive me for being complacent about your abundant giving. Forgive me for turning your good gifts into causes for sin as I worry about keeping what I have, and getting what I don't have. Forgive me for obsessing about and reaching for more than I need. Forgive me for abusing what I do have with my selfishness, my lack of self-control

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

and my greed. Forgive me for making a mess of your good gift of daily bread.

One: God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of material treasures, and far more importantly, he gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly to use what he gives us. Receive the wonderful word from his own mouth: Forgiven! You are forgiven for every failure. Amen.

1st Reading Genesis 3:1-8

2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Anthem "Your Love Compels Me"

Gospel Reading John 6:48-58

Youth Moment

Sermon

Offering

Offertory "Chanson"

Prayers (*Each petition ends with the following response:*)

One: Christ who heals all brokenness,

All: Restore us, Bread of heaven.

***Closing Hymn** "Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben "

Christ, the life of all the living,

Christ, the death of death, our foe,

Who, thyself for me once giving

To the darkest depths of woe:

Through thy suff'rings, death and merit

I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee,

that from pain I might be free;

Falsely did thy foes accuse thee:

thence I gain security;

Comfortless thy soul did languish me

to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

dearest Jesus, unto thee.

***Benediction**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 23rd

Worship, 10:00am

ASTA Service, 1:30pm (Elder, Jim)

Youth Group, 5:00pm

Monday, March 24th

April Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, March 26th

Church Office Hours, 1:00-6:00pm

Lenten Meal, 6:00pm

Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 27th

Church Office Hours, 8:00am-Noon

Sunday, March 30th

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - Delores Turner

6th - Shannon Satterlee

10th - Alex Goudy

12th - Mike Goudy

13th - Alan Turner

18th - Jim & Robin Niewold Ann.

23rd - Greg Anderson

26th - Susan Satterlee

27th - Victor Johnson



We are building a house in Gifford! The Community and surrounding area have a great opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity and build a home for a family who lost their house in November's tornado. We will have an area at the Paxton Community Sale on Sat. April 5th at the Park District that will be designated for Habitat for Humanity, where anything you have could be auctioned and monies donated for the cause. So, please start going through your home, garage, storage shed, etc. For questions please call Lee Leclair at 217-379-3481. We need your help!

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing
and faith for these friends and family members***

Kitty Anderson, Jeff & Barb Legener

Continued Health of Cancer Treatment Patients

Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Ivan Andreeae

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

***For the month of March, please bring peanut butter, canned soup
& canned vegetables for the Food Pantry.***

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

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