

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2008 10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION

"O God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. Amen."

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* W. Bradbury/arr. C. Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather round, we have come for worship.

People: We may have come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.

Leader: Lord Jesus, may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

People: In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.

***HYMN** 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

As we mark the season of remembrance of the life and passion of our Lord, we pray to you, Father, forgive us our folly and excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our envy of those who prosper and are at ease, our passion for things of the moment that perish in the grasping, our indifference to those treasures of the Spirit which are life and peace, our neglect of wise and gracious laws. Heal us, but with the painful understanding of how our hands nail the Son of God to the cross again, exposing him to public shame; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confession.

*All who are able may stand

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN: Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE** 576 *Gloria, Gloria*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN "The Strength of Tears"

(Any children 3yrs –4th grade may leave for church school)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

GOSPEL READING: John 11: 1-45

SERMON "Thinking Outside The Box" -Elder, Richard G. Petersen

***HYMN** 404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ruah (Breath of God)*

D. Ritter

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen

***HYMN** 84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 525 *Here I Am Lord vs. 1 & refrain*

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* *S.Nicholson/arr. C. Berry*
(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest preacher: Elder, Richard G. Petersen
Usher: Ron Partacz
Layreader: Marcy Partacz
Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer
Building Check: Membership
(March 16th – Administration & Finance – March 23rd – Faith Education)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Christopher Rutski (The Fischers) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam)

Service Men & Women

Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Phillip Schott ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ Russell Molnar ☉ Pat McCullough ☉ Ryan M. Ratigan ☉ Larry Lloyd ☉ Joshua Feldman ☉ Dan Dudziak ☉ David Ferg ☉ Zachery Goggins ☉ Alison Lankes ☉ Erik Brown ☉ Rob Weiner

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

The Lindak Family BJ Rustic Don & Barb Loney Karen & Wasele Sadovsky

CALENDAR

Today	- March 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Elder, Richard Petersen preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tues.	- March 11	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.	- March 12	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Journey Service @ West Seneca Developmental Center
Sun.	- March 16	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion - <i>Palm Sunday</i> Rev. Dr. Richard McConnell preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

EASTER PLANT SALE

The Deacons are selling Plants to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. The group will be selling tulips, hyacinths, lilies and mums at a cost of \$6.50 each and can be purchased by filling out this form and giving it and your payment to any deacon.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

_____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____ Lily _____ Mum



Attendance for March 2nd
Adult – 59 Children - 13