

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 12, 2006 10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

### PREPARATION

“How is a disciple to know which is his or her cross? We receive it upon entering the discipleship of the suffering Lord, and come to recognize it in the community of Jesus.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the friendship pads as they are distributed)*

*(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.)*

#### The Girl Scout Ceremonies

-Troop 167

Presentation of the Flag

Pledge of Allegiance

The Girl Scout Promise

#### PRELUDE

*A Song of Hope*

-Mueller

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people longing for the light. Come and see the wonders of God.

**People: We come looking for Jesus Christ! His name is wonder. His name is light.**

Leader: Come then, community born from the Spirit and water, come and be restored. Come and worship God!

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♪ ♪ \*HYMN 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

**God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world – so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life’s meaning eludes us. Your ways seem out of date; your promises appear**

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\*All who are able may stand

as the hopes and dreams of a previous generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design that is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you. Receive now our silent prayers.

#### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*RESPONSE** 338 *Kum ba Yah vs. 4*

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba ya,! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

#### **\*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**

-LouAnn Meyers

*(Any children 4yrs –8<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for church school)*

#### **ANTHEM**

*Let There Be Love*

-McGlohon

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

-Emma Janicki

**SECOND READING:** Romans 4: 13-25

-Ashley Hund

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 8: 31-38

**SERMON** *"Marks of Discipleship"*

-Rev. Debra Wright

♪ ♪ **\*HYMN** 344 *Christ of the Upward Way*

#### **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

#### \*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)

**Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith. You alone know how much we share and how much we withhold. You know the extent of our trust and the depth of our commitment. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.**

♪ ♪ \*HYMN                      285    *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

#### \*CHARGE

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE    564    *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies vs. 1*

♪ ♪ (all singing)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

**POSTLUDE**                      *Chimed*

*(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)*

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Usher:                      Bruce Barrows and Becky Goggins  
                                 Courtney Klubek, Rebecca Allen, Julianna Brink  
Troop 167 participants: Amber Myers, Britany Newman, Clarissa Newman,  
                                 Hanna Maciejawski, Carly Cronin, And Courtney Kozlowski  
Layreader:                Marcy Partacz & Girl Scouts  
Counters:                 Rita Hanna & Edie Fischer  
Greeters:                 Sandy Pakenham & Susan Gill  
Building Check:         Stewardship  
                                 (March 19<sup>th</sup> – Administration & Finance – March 26<sup>th</sup> – 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. Julie Riccio is ready to welcome your child.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Debbie Ball ♦ Andrew Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Cieslinski Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ *Mary Flemming* (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Melissa Howell (Sue Piersa) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ *Ruth Knaus* ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ *Robin Miller* ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ *Paul Sipos* (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ *Dick Sommer* ♦ Pearl Weber ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ All those affected by natural disasters *The family and friends of Gordie Allen as they mourn her death*

Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☼ Patrick Baskerville ☼ Sammy Russo ☼ Kimberly Trudeau ☼ Steve Odebralski ☼ Jason Zimmerman ☼ Andrew Zalikowski ☼ Jeremy Miller ☼ Nick Turvey ☼ Kristen Pelc ☼ Ben Schauss ☼ Phillip Schott ☼ Josh Winkler ☼ John Pirinelli ☼ Kyle Ernst ☼ Russell Molnar

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:  
Dawn Dulski    Barb & Walt Kissel    The Reed Family    The Wright Family

## CALENDAR

Today	- March 12	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Girl Scout Sunday <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <b>CELEBRATE ARTICLES ARE DUE</b>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal
Mon.	- March 13	7:00 p.m.	Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion
Wed.	- March 15	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Luncheon Lenten Journey @ St. William's RC Church
Sun.	- March 19	10:00 a.m.	Worship - <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**We will be collecting** macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, dry pasta and toilet tissue for the month of March. As always you may donate any non-perishable food at any time. Please place your donations in the basket closest to the balcony stairs in the narthex.

**Are you able to make others feel welcome** during a difficult time in their life? If so, please volunteer for the next Interfaith Hospitality Network hosting, March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. We can use help on Wednesday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30-9pm**, to prepare dinner for and socialize with 8 people. Other time slots are available for as little as two hours (Sat. & Sun.) or as long as eight hours (overnights). And, we are still in need of someone to help take down the beds, partitions, etc. on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact either Diane or Barb if you can help out. Again, we would like to thank you for supporting this mission.

**West Seneca North Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast** will be held this morning from 10am-1pm here at First Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 4-12yrs. children under 3 are free. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee or tea.

**Please note the West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey** begins this Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year' journey is "Let There Be Peace". Services are held at 7:30pm every Wednesday during Lent. The journey concludes on Good Friday with an Ecumenical service at St. David's Episcopal Church from 12-3pm. The following is a list of guest speakers and host churches for each week of the journey:

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| 3/15 | Place:   | St. Williams RC Church           |
|      | Speaker: | Rev. John Klatt                  |
| 3/22 | Place:   | First Presbyterian Church        |
|      | Speaker: | Father Joseph Rogilano           |
| 3/29 | Place:   | 14 Holy Helpers RC Church        |
|      | Speaker: | Rev. Ralph Anderson              |
| 4/5  | Place:   | Covenant United Methodist Church |
|      | Speaker: | Father John Paul Boyer           |

Offerings collected at the services will be distributed to Cornerstone Manor and Church World Service – Hurricane Relief. Non-perishable food items will also be collected for the West Seneca Food Pantry. Be sure to join us for this important journey through Lent.

**Lenten Adult Education:** Do you wonder how to make a good marriage even better? Are you worried about one of your children? Would you like the second half of your life to be better than the first half? You might find the answers to these and other questions at "Healthy Families, Happy Future," a series of presentations designed to introduce Christian families to the principles of Family Systems Theory. All four sessions will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4928 Seneca Street (West Seneca) on March 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The program will be taught by Rev. Dr. Robert J. Perelli the founder of The Center for Family Systems Theory of WNY and a member of the Eudist Fathers. Tuition is \$20 per person. For more information visit [www.familysystemstheroy.com](http://www.familysystemstheroy.com) and click on the "Lenten Series" icon or call 675-0531.

**Getting to know God through Prayer, study and worship** St. John's Lutheran Church is offering a program on prayer. The first part of the series is "**Finding Our Way Through Questions of Faith**" worship with Pastor John Klatt. It will be held on the 6 Thursdays in Lent. (March 2,9,16,23 & April 6) from 6:30-7:30pm. The second part is "**Grounded in Prayer**" a study with Bill Barker. It will be held on the 6 Mondays of Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10) from 6:30-7:30pm.

<p><b><u>Attendance for March 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> Adult – 55 Children - 13</p>
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