

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2006 10:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION

"We are slaves to our gadgets, puppets of our power, and prisoners of our security. The theme of our generation is: Get more, know more, and do more, instead of pray more, be more, and serve more."
- Billy Graham

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.)*

PRELUDE

Our Great Savior

-arr. Mickelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.

People: Each day is a gift from God!

Leader: Each day and each night, all of life tells of God's glory.

People: Each day is a gift from God!

Leader: Without words or speech, still the message goes out.

People: Each day is a gift from God!

Leader: To the ends of the earth, God's goodness is proclaimed.

People: Each day is a gift from God!

** Leader: Come, let us worship our God this day!

♪ *HYMN 284 *O God What You Ordain Is Right*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

Creator God, you have outlined ten ways the world could flourish, ten ways to have full lives, and ten ways to respect and honor the earth. But they have become ten ways we've failed to dream, ten ways we've cheapened life, and ten ways we've abused you and others. We admit to the failure, but we hold to the dream. Enable us to see them as ten ways to love each other, ten ways to change the world, and ten ways to open up your realm. Cleanse our hearts so we may dare to dream as we place before you, in silence, our personal failings.

*All who are able may stand

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

***RESPONSE** 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This vs. 1*
♪ ♪ (all singing)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

*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

(Any children 4yrs –8th grade may leave for church school)

ANTHEM *Pathway of Hope*

-Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Exodus 20: 1-17

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

GOSPEL READING: John 2: 13-22

SERMON "Back To Basics"

-Rev. Debra Wright

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 93 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION *The One Great Hour Of Sharing* *-Dennis Fiegl*

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)

God of grace, multiply these tithes and offerings so that this church's ministry and mission radically change lives. We pray that these gifts may help all of your children build a temple within their own body that brings honor and praise to you. In the name of Jesus, who went to Calvary, we pray. Amen.

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 302 *I Danced in the Morning*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* vs. 4

♪ ♪ (all singing)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 & Becky Goggins
Layreader: Robin Miller
Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer
Greeters: Sandy Pakenham & Susan Gill
Building Check: Administration & Finance
 (March 26th – Faith Education – April 2nd – Worship)

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.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

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*

The rosebud on the Communion table is in honor of the birth of Morgan May Rodgers. Morgan, born on March 11th is the daughter of Melanie Wojcik & Craig Rodgers and the granddaughter of Leona & Jim Wojcik.

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) ♦ 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 of Gordie Allan 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:
Margaret Edington Heather Malyszka & Matthew The Rowe family Lou Wright

CALENDAR

Today	- March 19	10:00 a.m.	Worship – <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	The Way of The Cross @ Ebenezer UCC
Mon.	- March 20	7:00 p.m.	Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion
Tues.	- March 21	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.	- March 22	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Journey @ First Presbyterian
Sun.	- March 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship - <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
			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 25th – April 1st**, at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. We can use help on Wednesday, **March 29th** 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 1st. Please contact The church office if you can help out. Again, we would like to thank you for supporting this mission.

Have you seen the Paper Retriever Bin yet? In the bin we want all of your newspapers, magazines, office papers, school papers, shopping catalogs, and junk mail. Please do not include plastic, metals, glass, trash, and cardboard. For more information on what is accepted and how we are using the bin please come to the Pot Luck Supper at 5:00 PM and a program starting at 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 29. Look in the Celebrate for more information. Thanks, Church and Society Committee



Ebenezer United Church of Christ is presenting "The Way of The Cross" by the Franciscan Mystery Players this evening, March 19th at 7pm at the Ebenezer UCC, 630 Main St. West Seneca.

Please note the West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey continues this Wednesday. 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 the remaining weeks of the journey:

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| 3/22 | Place: | First Presbyterian Church |
| | Speaker: | Father Joseph Rogliano |
| 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.

<p>Attendance for March 12th Adult – 76 Children – 25</p>

EASTER PLANT SALE

The Faith Education committee is selling Plants to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. The group will be selling tulip plants at a cost of \$6.50 each and can be purchased by filing out this form and giving it and you payment to either Debbie Ball, Dawn Corless or Marcy Partacz.

Name _____ # of plants _____

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

