

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 26, 2006 10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION "The cross is a tree set on fire with invisible flame that illumines all the world. The flame is love."
- Thomas Traherne

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 *Amazing Grace* -arr. Bish

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God loved the world so much ...

People: How much?

Leader: So much that God offers healing from our deepest fears.

People: How Much?

Leader: So much that God loves us forever, no matter what.

People: How much?

Leader: So much that we never have to earn God's love, but receive it just because God is God.

People: How much?

Leader: So much that God sent Jesus into the world, so that everyone might be saved. Come, let us worship God!

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♪ *HYMN 454 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin, receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, and our passion for things of the moment. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command. Before you now in silence, we lift up our failures to love others as you have loved us.

*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** 84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory vs. 2*

**When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.**

*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 *Come Follow Me*

-Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Numbers 21: 4-9

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 1-10

GOSPEL READING: John 3: 14-21

SERMON *"Lift Up Your Eyes"*

-Rev. Debra Wright

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

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)

God of Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** *God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger*

God, whose love is always stronger Than our weakness, pride and fear,
In your world, we pray and wonder How to be more faithful here.
Hate too often grows inside us; Fear rules what the nations do.
So we pray, when wars divide us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring, Never arrogant or rude,
Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.
When we're caught up in believing War will make the terror cease,
Show us Jesus' way of living; May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished; May your churches hear your call.
May our lives be filled with courage As we speak your love for all.
Now emboldened by your Spirit Who has given us new birth,
Give us love, that we may share it Till your love renews the earth!

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs. 4*

♪ ♪ (all singing)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread
through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

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: Debbie Goggins
Counters: Bob & Marsha Barnhart
Greeters: Leona Wojcik
Building Check: Faith Education
(April 2nd – Worship – April 9th – Personnel)

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.

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children. Julie Riccio is ready to welcome your child.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sally & Norm Aiken (Kathy Aiken's parents) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Debbie Ball ♦ *Joann Brooks* (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ 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) ♦ *Jillian Hoerner (Judy Chrynievicz's niece)* ♦ 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) ♦ *Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's)* ♦ *Partick Weir* (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ *The Wunsch family (Judy Chrynievicz)* ♦ All those affected by natural disasters

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:

Roberta Evans Marion Labby BJ Rustic The Fiegl Family

CALENDAR

Today	- March 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship – <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal
Mon.	- March 27	7:00 p.m.	Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion
Tues.	- March 28	1:30 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting @ Westfield
Wed.	- March 29	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Journey @ 14 Holy Helpers
Sat.	- April 1	8:45 a.m.	Presbytery Day @ North Presbyterian
Sun.	- April 2	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion <i>5th 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 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 either Diane or Barb if you can help out. Again, we would like to thank you for supporting this mission.

Pot Luck Supper on Saturday April 29!! In the paper retriever bin we want all of your newspapers, magazines, office papers, school papers, shopping catalogs, shredded paper in clear plastic bag, and junk mail.

Please do not include plastic, metals, glass, trash, phone books, hard cover books, 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



St. Bonaventure school, 2784 Seneca St., West Seneca, is holding a Theme Tray/Chinese Auction on Wednesday, April 5th. ADULTS ONLY. \$5.00 admission includes 25 tickets, pop, coffee and snacks. Doors open at 6pm with 1st draw at 7:30pm. \$1,000 raffle, large class baskets, 50/50 and much more. Please join us and bring a friend.

Please note the West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey continues this Wednesday. The theme for this year's 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:

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.

Attendance for March 19th

Adult – 63 Children – 12

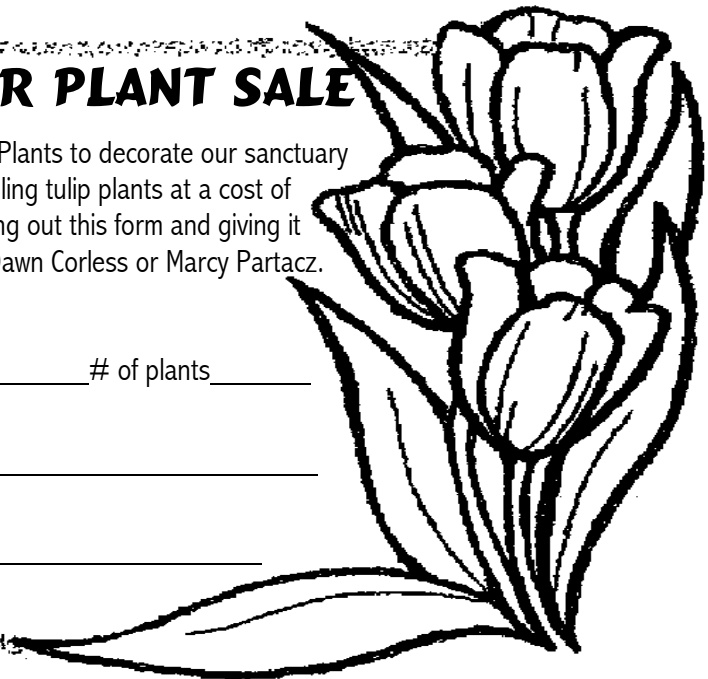
EASTER PLANT SALE

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 _____



FINANCIAL INFORMATION ENDING FEBRUARY 2006

Per Capita paid to date	\$964.00
Pledged amount to date	\$16,119.33
Pledges paid to date	\$14,611.50
% of pledges paid	90.64%
General Budgeted balance	\$162.52