

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2006 10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION " To renounce all is to gain all; to descend is to rise; to die is to live. " -Karl Rahner

### 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** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy* -Travis

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**People: And put a right spirit within us.**

Leader: Keep us in your presence always,

**People: May your Holy Spirit dwell within us.**

Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

**People: And sustain in us willing spirits.**

Leader: So may we serve and rejoice;

**People: So we may extol your mercy and kindness.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

♪ \*HYMN 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(all together)*

**Lord, we know Easter is coming soon; and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. And try as we might, we cannot comprehend love and mercy so great as this. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we**

*-continued*

\*All who are able may stand



## **\*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, you sent Jesus to change our lives in bold and amazing ways. As we place this offering before you, help us to surrender completely to your love and to be stirred into fruit-bearing action that results in faithful stewardship. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **SEASONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE COMMUNION IN CHRIST**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

♪ ♪ **\*HYMN**

371 *Lift High the Cross*

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**     *510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts vs. 5*

♪ ♪ (all singing)

    O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; O  
    chase the night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

**POSTLUDE**             *Chimed*

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

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Usher:                   George Shaffer  
Layreader:             Edie Fischer  
Counters:              Debbie Goggins & Robin Miller  
Greeters:              Mary Cotter  
Building Check:        Worship  
                            (April 9<sup>th</sup> – Personnel – April 16<sup>th</sup> – Church & Society)

**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*

**The Rosebud on the** Communion Table is in honor of the birth of Gracie Lin Schlurr. Gracie was born on March 25<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Kim Molnar and David Schlurr and the granddaughter of Diane and Joe Molnar.

**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 Chrynowicz'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) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ The Wunsch family (Judy Chrynowicz) ♦ All those affected by natural disasters

The Fiegl family as they mourn the death of Dennis' uncle, William Collins

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:

Jane Lankes    Foster & Pat Young    The Lesakowski family    The Astyk family

## CALENDAR

Today	- April 2	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal
Mon.	- April 3	7:00 p.m.	Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion
Wed.	- April 5	12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Young at Heart Luncheon Lenten Journey @ Covenant United Methodist Church
Sun.	- April 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship - <i>Palm Sunday</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
			Choir Rehearsal

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**We will be collecting** macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, dry pasta and toilet tissue for the month of April. 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.

**If just ONE person from every** ONE family would bring ONE item for the Cornerstone Manor basket, we would end up with ONE nice offering to be given to Tom McLaughlin, executive director when he speaks on June 11th. Please show them that we are ONE heck of a church !!!!!!!

**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

**We are having a dinner and worship service** on Maundy Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is at 6:00pm followed by worship at 7:00pm. Help is needed for serving and clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule for the dinner and you can also indicate if you can help.

**St. Bonaventure school**, 2784 Seneca St., West Seneca, is holding a Theme Tray/Chinese Auction on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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' 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:

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.

<b><u>Attendance for March 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>
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Adult – 58 Children – 13
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## **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 \_\_\_\_\_

