

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Women's Sunday—Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *Chaconne on a Lenten Hymn* Engel

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

P: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me

L: For I am gentle and lowly in heart

P: And you will find rest for your souls

ALL: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

*HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" No. 138

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LENTEN RENEWAL (unison)

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts—cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts, may we draw near to you, trusting in your grace to heal and restore us. In you may we always find our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

All: Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

ANTHEM *Lift Thine Eyes* Mendelssohn
(Women's Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 107) Exodus 32:7-14

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Childs

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON Dave Brunner
(Children may go out into the foyer with Carolyn Dzuro for crafts during the sermon)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 383

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1241) Luke 13:6-9

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION MEDITATION *One Tenacious Gardener* Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From "A Declaration of Faith"

Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

*HYMN "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" No. 505

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving; The Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(As you pass the bread, please say to those next to you, "[name], the body of Christ, given for you." As you pass the juice, say, "[name], the blood of Christ shed for you.")

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" No. 366

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Handel

*All who are able may stand.

Interim Minister	Bill Lindeman
Pastor Emeritus	Alfred A. Hart
Director of Christian Education	Carolyn Dzuro
Director of Music	Muriel Homer
Youth Director	Linda Duffy
Office Administrator	Cindi Dansizen
Treasurer	Marcy Uhl

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Coffee Servers	Joyce and Dan Shramo
Communion Servers	Kathy Navarro, Don Gorning, Lee Lohr Bill and Kathy Hamilton, Craig Young, Shirley and Art Hook
Greeters	Janet and Bob Parker
Head Usher	Alan Wainscott
Lenten Candle Ceremony	Lee Lohr, Kathy Navarro
Ushers	JoAnn Wainscott, Mark and Kelly Eisaman Dan and Carolyn Rose
Sound Room	Paul Selvage
Worship Assistant	Barb Lehmkuhl