

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

## *The Family of God*



"THE FULLNESS OF GOD"

TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 26, 2024

*Hearing assistance available: FM receivers  
and earpieces are stored near the AV room.  
See sound technician with questions.*

*Coffee House Worship: in education wing foyer.  
Enjoy a more casual environment while  
Worship is livestreamed from the sanctuary.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*This is My Father's World*

Franklin L. Sheppard

TERRA BEATA

"The world is Mine, and all that is in it."

Psalm 50:12

## PRELUDE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Henry F. Henry

ST. CATHERINE

Arr. Burton Isaac

"Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."

Jude 3

Jacob Campbell, violin

## WELCOME

## CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*The Family of God*

William J. Gaither

FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God—

I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,

For we're part of the family, the family of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 29*

One: Who is like our God in glory and strength?

**All: The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.**

One: Who is like the Lord in power and might?

**All: The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars.**

One: Who is like the Holy One in awe and wonder?

**All: The voice of the Almighty shakes the wilderness.**

One: God sits enthroned as King forever.

**All: Worship God in holy splendor.**

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER *Psalm 29, Romans 8, John 3***All: Your Spirit calls us here, O God, to behold your glory of your majesty and power. For adopting us into your family and making us heirs with Christ, we thank you. For freeing us from the failings of the flesh, that we may be born anew with water and the Spirit, we praise you. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

No. 32

ELLACOMBE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Isaiah 6**Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All:** God of power and might, we long to proclaim your glory with the seraphs and angels, yet your holiness is more than we can bear. We yearn to feel worthy of your calling, but often feel naked and lost when confronted with your majesty. Touch our mouths with coal from your sacred fire, for we are a people of unclean lips and long to be made clean. Above all, heal our shut-up hearts, O God, that we may say with the prophet Isaiah, "Here I am, send me." Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Romans 8*

One: Rejoice that God heals our fear with a spirit of strength and truth. Give thanks that we are God's children and heirs in Christ. In Christ, we touch God's glory and victory.

**ANTHEM***Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Dan Forrest

CHODAN

David Brunner, tenor | Jacob Campbell, violin

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Romans 8*

One: Adopted with Christ into the family of God, let us offer thanks and praise as we share signs of Christ's peace today. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***The Family Prayer Song*

Morris Chapman

*Song Leader:*

Come and fill our homes with Your presence

You alone are worthy of our reverence

*Congregation:*

As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord

As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord

As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord

We will serve the Lord

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE***Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

*Repeat*

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

*Repeat*

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

*Repeat***SCRIPTURE READING**[Romans 8:12-17](#); [John 3:1-17](#)

Clayton Dusek

**SERMON**

"The Fullness of God"

Pastor Rick Stein

**\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER****\*CLOSING HYMN***All Creatures of Our God and King*

No. 15

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**BENEDICTION**

One: Each week we remind ourselves

**All: to go out into the world. Return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and honor every person. Every person. And rejoice in the Lord always.**

One: And now may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with each of you, all your loved ones, and all your concerns, now and forever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us.  
Now the world calls us to go spread that word.  
God's grace go with you; may it sustain you.  
To bring us together; to praise God again!

**POSTLUDE**

*Ashokan Farewell*

Jay Ungar

“You are a chosen people... a people belonging to God” 1 Peter 2:9

Jacob Campbell, violin

# Welcome to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church!

*“In awe, we Receive God’s Grace and Gospel.  
In gratitude, we Respond with Worship and Servanthood.  
In love, we Represent Jesus Christ as we minister to transform lives  
in family, community, and the world.”*

*As you join us for worship at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, we hope that you will sense God’s presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God’s Word and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world.*

*In the event you need to step out of the Sanctuary, speaker systems are in both the foyer and the nursery so that you may listen to the worship service. When leaving the Sanctuary during the service, take care to close the door softly.*

**If you feel you would like a call or visit from Pastor Rick**, please contact the church office at 440-933-6240.

**Please silence cell phones** during our worship services.

**Offerings** may be given through [SimpleGive](#) and are always appreciated. Scan this code with your smartphone to easily access SimpleGive.



**Confidential prayers** from the Healing Prayer Ministry are available at the back of the sanctuary after worship.

**Living Successfully with Alzheimer’s** as presented by Sally Ollerton will take place Sunday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the ALPC sanctuary. All are invited to attend and learn at this free presentation.

**Please join us tomorrow in Avon Lake’s Memorial Day Parade!** All are invited to represent our church! Sign-up is available in the narthex. We would love to have as many ALPC veterans and veteran families as possible march or ride with us!

**VBS** is still seeking donations of empty rectangular tissue boxes.

**Yarn Ministry** will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us with your yarn projects (crochet, knit, etc.). Our group will continue to meet throughout the summer on the third Tuesday of each month.

**Saints Alive articles are due today.** Please check with your committee to make sure yours gets turned in. The summer issue is scheduled to come out Friday, May 31.

## *This Week at the Church*

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday:** The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Session room. Yoga will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship with communion begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Beth Swartz, 5/27; Debbie Stueber, 5/29; Eric Domin, 5/30; Craig Young, 6/1; Sherry Thompson, 6/2

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

Those who have been affected by cancer: Joyce Bihary's daughter, **Brenda**; Sherry & Jeff Spenzer's co-grandparent, **Lynne**; **George Lawson**; Carolyn & Russ Beeler's daughter-in-law's mother, **Barb**; Matt & Sybil Wendling's nephew, **Tommy**, who is also dealing with the aftereffects of a stroke; and, **Gary Uhl**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 2 prostate cancer and is currently exploring treatment options with his medical team.

Continued healing for **Noel Peel and Charlie & Debbie Swartz**.

**Anita Cheriyan**, who is recovering from foot surgery.

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pastor**

**Rick Stein**

**Director of Music**

**Rick Fortney**

Greeters

Fred & Sharon Call

Worship Assistant

Clayton Dusek

Ushers

Sherry Spenzer, Kathy Hamilton

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