

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

## Going on Faith

### Opening to God's Word

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Setting by Thomas R. Pearce  
MORECAMBE

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Setting by Wilbur Held  
ABERYSTWYTH

**PRELUDE**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Setting by Jonathan Kohrs  
SOLID ROCK

**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** *Ephesians 3*

One: May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

**All: May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.**

One: May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within. May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

**All: From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant! Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Ephesians 3*

**All: Holy Spirit, meet us here. Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully go where you call us to be. In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* No. 353  
SOLID ROCK

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *2 Samuel 11*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All: Holy One, we come before you with contrite hearts. You know what we've done and left undone. You know who we've betrayed and excluded. Yet you love us still. We do not mean to hurt or cause harm, yet we easily cover up our wrongs. We bow before you in**

hope and trust that you won't push us away, but will draw us home once more into the arms of your never-failing love. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Samuel 11

One: Confessions, whether spoken aloud or acknowledged silently within our hearts, are pleasing to our God. In the name of the Christ, you are forgiven.

### ANTHEM

*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky – Here I Am Lord*

Daniel L. Schutte

HERE I AM

Ed Homer, bass soloist / Muriel Homer, piano

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE Ephesians 3

One: Whether we come to worship with regrets and sadness or with joy and thanksgiving, passing the peace of Christ heals the broken places in our lives and seals our bonds of fellowship. Let us take time to share this gift of peace with one another, both in this worship space and in our hearts. 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

[Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21](#)

Sarah Waggoner

**SERMON** "Opening to God's Word" Pastor Rick Stein

\***OFFERING/DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

\***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

\***CLOSING HYMN** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* No. 618  
DEO GRACIAS

### **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**

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

DEO GRACIAS

Setting by Ruth Mackie

# 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.

**If you haven’t been receiving weekly e-news**, please use this code to give permission for [Constant Contact](#) to email you. Our e-news is sent out every Friday at 2:00 p.m. To scan the code, open your camera on your smartphone and point it as though taking a picture of the code. An option to open a webpage will pop up; just tap that link and sign up for e-news!



**Photos are needed of Elders and Deacons**. Please email a photo of yourself to [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org).

**Men’s Ensemble** will be leading us in worship on August 4. All men are invited to join! Rehearsal will be Wednesday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m.

**Women’s Ensemble** will be leading us in worship on August 11. All women are invited to join! Rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

**The ALPC Music Ministry Summer Get-Together** will take place at Barbara Graves’s summer home in Huron on Saturday, August 24 at noon. This is a great opportunity to join us as you consider joining Music Ministry for the 2024-25 season. All are welcome!

**Choir rehearsals** will begin Wednesday, August 28. As always, Handbell Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m. The choirs will begin leading us in worship for the 2024-25 season on Rally Day Sunday, September 8.

**A send-off party for Pastor Rick and Mary** will be held August 25 following worship. Please join us in celebrating their time at ALPC!

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

**Gary Uhl** who is undergoing treatment for cancer.  
**George Lawson** who is home and making good progress in his recovery.  
**Marian Conn** who is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
**Linda Kurak** as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.  
**Lynn Morway** who is home recovering from ankle surgery.  
**Noel Peel** and **Charlie & Debbie Swartz** who need continued healing.

### *This Week at the Church*

**Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** 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 Mission Committee will meet at 4:15 p.m. The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. Yoga begins 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:** Ken Reichlin, *today!* Pam Hoffman, 8/2; Roberta Young, 8/3; Shannon Brunner, 8/4

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pastor**

**Rick Stein**

**Director of Music**

**Rick Fortney**

Greeters

Kay & Lynn Bondurant

Worship Assistant

Sarah Waggoner

Ushers

Janet & Bob Parker

Sound Board

Paul Butrey

Projections

AmyLynn Kaspar

Hymn Ensemble

Jackie Day, Tammy Dusek, Sue Mabe, Clayton Dusek

Mike Dean, Ed Homer, Bob Palisin, Doug Day

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