

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 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*Morning Has Broken*

Setting by Thomas Gieschen

BUNESSAN

For the Beauty of the Earth

Setting by Barry L. Bobb

DIX

PRELUDE*This is My Father's World*

Franklin L. Sheppard

TERRA BEATA

Arr. Timothy Shaw

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Rick Fortney, piano

WELCOME**INTROIT***Think of Me and Remember*

Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 133*

One: It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

All: We are here at the invitation of God.

One: In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

All: In this place, God's blessings abound.

One: Peace be to God!

All: Peace be to God!**OPENING PRAYER** *Psalm 133, 1 John 1, John 20*

All: Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts, to remember the blessings of your light and love as they flow through our lives each day. In this moment, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the truths of your story. Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us. And open our eyes to your glory – a glory reflected in the faces around us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMNFor the Beauty of the Earth*

No. 14

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Acts 4, 1 John 1, John 20*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don't feel like singing. Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring. Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith. Sometimes we forget the needs of our neighbors because we are so focused on ourselves. Forgive us. Draw us back to you and to one another. Help us to walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *John 20 NRSVUE*

One: Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, Jesus promises: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." Receive the hope and promise of this good news, for forgiveness is ours when forgiving one another. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Silesian Folk Song
Schlesische Volkslieder
Arr. Kurt Kaiser

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Rick Fortney, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *John 20*

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Receive the Holy Spirit and share the love of the risen Christ with one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

I Surrender All

Winfield S. Weeden

Arr. Joel Raney

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35](#)

SERMON

“Living in Community”

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

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

COMMUNION

All who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's table. Please hold the bread until all have been served and partake as directed by the Pastor. Likewise, please hold the cup until all have been served and partake as directed. Please note that ALL bread is gluten-free and the cup is filled with juice.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

Prayer of Communion

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread

Song by Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Song by Taizé

Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
When I call answer me.
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.

Jesus Remember Me

Song by Taizé

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

***CLOSING HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful
ROYAL OAK

No. 20

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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

No. 223

HAMBURG

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
CONVERSE

Setting by Herbert Gotsch

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 are available now at the back of the sanctuary from the Healing Prayer Ministry after worship.

Christian Education is looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School! The theme is Music for the Soul and will run June 17-21. Instrumentalists and volunteers can sign up in the church office. Contact Emilee with any questions: e.oliva@avonlakepc.org

Fix-It Saturday will be April 13 at 9 a.m. You know the drill (pun intended) – you bring the tools; we’ll bring the donuts!

Family Sunday will take place after church on April 28. Families with children are invited to gather in Hart Hall for crafts, snacks, and fellowship.

Lorain Cooperative Ministry (LCM) is having an online destination package raffle through May 5, 2024. Options are a Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Family Membership, Island Adventure from Miller Boat Line, four tickets to Great Lakes Science Center, two season passes for Rockin’ on the River, and two local artist gift baskets. The art baskets will include two quilts from ALPC’s Kathy Leopold, handmade cards from ALPC’s Kathy Navarro, and much more! Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Visit www.loraincoopministry.com to purchase. Any questions, see Kathy Hamilton or Kathy Navarro.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The church office will be closed. Deacons and Worship & Spiritual Life will both meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Cornerstone Preschool resumes. The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Session room. No yoga this evening.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** Fix-It Saturday begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Elliot Stryczny, Jackie Butrey, Janet St. George, *today!* Vickie Joyce, 4/9; Tom Tighe, 4/11; Gino Meehan, 4/12; Melanie Brunner, 4/13; Jenny Doran, 4/14

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: Joyce Bihary's daughter, **Brenda**; Eddie Lou Bush's daughter, **Betsy**; Sherry & Jeff Spenzer's co-grandparent, **Lynne**; **Beth Shoemaker**; **Jen Lombardozi**; **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.

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

Lynn Morway, whose broken arm is healing.

John & Margre Lind Mills' niece, **Megan**, who is having a difficult pregnancy with twins.

Mark Otterson, who is now recovering at home after surgery.

AmyLynn Kaspar, who is at home recovering from a broken arm.

Gail Kucharson, who is recovering from a fractured pelvis.

Lee Lohr, whose mother, Sophie Harbuziuk, passed away Tuesday, April 2 at the age of 95.

Volunteers Today

Greeters

Ushers

Sound Board

Projections

Communion Server

Lee Lohr

Jackie & Paul Butrey

Gary Uhl

Craig Shoemaker

Sherry Spenzer

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