

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love



Rising Up with God

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*"But those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength, they shall
mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint."*

Isaiah 40:31

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Hearing assistance available: FM receivers & 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

Fight the Good Fight
DUKE STREET

Setting by David Schack

PRELUDE

Concerto for Oboe in D minor
ADAGIO

Alessandro Marcello

Meredith Bradley, guest oboist / Rick Fortney, piano

WELCOME

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord (3x)
PREPARE THE WAY

No. 95

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 40, Psalm 147*

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.

One: God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

All: Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.

One: They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not be faint.

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

OPENING PRAYER *Isaiah 40, Psalm 147*

All: Everlasting God, you stretch the sky over our heads like a canopy filled with twinkling lights. Scarcely do the stems of our lives take root before the wind carries us away like stubble. Yet you care for us – healing the brokenhearted, gathering the outcast, lifting the downtrodden, while casting the wicked to the ground. Renew our strength this day, O God, that we may mount up with wings like eagles. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
FESTAL SONG

No. 744

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Emilee Oliva

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Isaiah 40, Psalm 147, Mark 1*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Holy God, even in our pursuit of safety and security, we yearn to seek justice for the poor and to defend the downtrodden from the privilege of the powerful. Give us the heart of Jesus, that we may care for the sick and

rescue the perishing. Give us the Spirit of Christ, that we may spend time in prayer and keep your path before our feet. Give us the love of your Son, that we may be instruments of your peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Psalm 147*

One: God showers the earth with rain, gives animals their food, and offers blessings to those who walk in the paths of righteousness. Sing praises to the Lord and rest secure in God's blessings.

ANTHEM*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

American Folk Hymn

Melody from

Southeran Harmony, 1835

Arr. Mack Wilberg

Meredith Bradley, guest oboist / Muriel Homer, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 147*

One: The one who lifts the lowly and brings down the mighty offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Claim the promise of this peace as you share greetings in Christ's name. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 286

TRENTHAM

Verses 1 and 2

LORD'S PRAYER**PRAYER RESPONSE***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 286

TRENTHAM

Verses 3 and 4

SCRIPTURE READING[Isaiah 40:21-31](#); [Mark 1:29-39](#)

Anita Cheriyan

SERMON

"Rising Up with God"

Pastor Rick Stein

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise 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***Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

LAND OF REST

Setting by
Thomas Gieschen*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

Setting by
Wayne Barlow***CLOSING HYMN***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

No. 305

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

No. 829

Verse 2

POSTLUDE*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

FESTAL SONG

Setting by Theodore Beck

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.

The Mission Committee is asking for donations of wrapped Valentine’s Day candy (especially chocolate hearts) to include in February brown bag lunches. Packing for Haven Center lunches will be February 11 after worship in the narthex; the help of the congregation would be appreciated. A bag for candy donations is on the narthex table.

Souper Bowl competition: The teams going to the Super Bowl are the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. Show your support for your team with your donation of canned or packaged soup, chili, or stew. Cans and containers that can be opened without a can opener are appreciated. The ALPC/Cornerstone SOUPER Bowl competition will be Sunday, February 11. You may bring your donations beginning the week of February 1. Place your contribution on your preferred team’s side of the table in the narthex. Cash or checks (payable to ALPC, notation “soup”) welcome! Every \$2 equals one can of soup. We will announce the winner on Wednesday, February 14. *Why not wear red in support of both teams and Valentine’s Day? Gooooo Souper Bowl!*

The Chili Cookoff is back! Want a chance of winning the Golden Ladle? Bring your soup or chili to Hart Hall anytime before or after the worship service on February 18. The Deacons will make sure everything stays the perfect temperature so that you can taste and vote for your favorite following the Congregational Meeting.

No Yoga this week.

Guatemala Mission Trip: There are 2-3 openings for our upcoming trip April 6-15. If you are interested, please reach out to Kathy L.

The Congregational Meeting of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 18, following the worship service. Copies of the Annual Report will be available on the narthex table beginning February 11.

It's time for Fix-It Saturday! Please join the Property Committee on February 10 at 9:00 a.m. to complete tasks on their to-do list. Bring your tools if you got 'em! Coffee and donuts will be provided.

2024 per capita is \$38 per person. Please submit yours as soon as possible.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Beth S. who is doing well throughout her chemotherapy.

Joe U., who will be undergoing further treatment for his cancer.

Charlie & Debbie S., who are both facing health issues.

George L., for continued healing.

Noel P., who seeks spiritual healing.

Joy H. who is now home and recovering well after her surgery.

Lee L.'s family in the Ukraine; keep them safe and bring an end to this war.

Joyce B.'s daughter, **Brenda**, who is receiving cancer treatments.

Matt & Sybil W.'s nephew, **Tommy**, who has leukemia and recently suffered a stroke.

Penny H.'s daughter, **Jen L.**, whose cancer has returned and is on a treatment of chemo pills.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The Property and Worship & Spiritual Life Committees will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The Nominating Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. 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 CE Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. Cornerstone Preschool will host a Valentine's Dance in Hart Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** The Property Committee will host Fix-It Day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. The Mission Committee will be packing Brown Bag Lunches following worship.
- Birthdays:** Sharon Chase, 2/6; John Dickey, 2/11

Chancel Choir

Dave Brunner	Barbara Graves	Bob Palisin
Doug Day	Cathy Graves	Sharon Pervo
Jackie Day	Jeff Hansen	Susan Richardson
Clayton Dusek	Ed Homer	Beth Shoemaker
Tammy Dusek	Sue Mabe	Linda Swartz
Joan Wojcicki Fortney	Jan Mackert	Marcy Uhl
Deb Gantz	Makayla McAfee	Sarah Waggoner

Volunteers Today

Greeters	Lynn & Kay Bondurant
Worship Assistant	Anita Cheriyan
Sound Board	Paul Butrey
Projections	AmyLynn Kaspar
Usher	Jackie Butrey
Communion Servers	Mike & Cheryl Dean, Susan Reighard

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