

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*



THANKS GIVING

## GOD'S SUSTENANCE

AUGUST 25, 2024

*Fourteenth 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***Sunday Joy!*

Mark Hayes

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Lowell Mason

BETHANY

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Breathe On Me Breath of God*

Robert Jackson

TRENTHAM

Arr. Mark Hayes

Mark Vinci, flute and alto saxophone

**WELCOME****PRELUDE***Minuet Trio in B flat, Dance of the Blessed Spirits* Christoph Willibald Gluck

Arr. Mark Vinci

Mark Vinci, flute | Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello

**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** *1 Kings, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6*

One: God is our sun and shield.

**All: God's wisdom calls us here.**

One: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

**All: God's faithfulness guides us.**

One: God is our hope and our salvation.

**All: God's love and mercy welcome us.****OPENING PRAYER** *1 Kings 8, Ephesians 6*

**All: God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN***I Danced in the Morning*

No. 157

LORD OF THE DANCE

Today's hymns were selected in celebration of Pastor Rick.  
They are some of his favorite hymns that are quite meaningful for him.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *1 Kings 8, Ephesians 6**Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All: Glorious God of spirit and life, we long to look upon your face and live. We yearn to shine with your glory, despite our tarnished lives. We seek to stand firm and faithful, even when the storms of life threaten us. Lift us up with your mercy, that we may perceive your loving grace. Light our paths with your wisdom and strengthen us with your powerful Spirit, that we may follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Psalms 84, Ephesians 6, John 6*

One: God is our sun and shield. Christ is the bread of lives. The Spirit is our strength and our power. In these truths, we are clothed with protection to live with justice, truth, and peace.

**ANTHEM***Life's Railway to Heaven*

Charles Davis Tillman

Text by M.E. Abbey and Eliza R. Snow

Jeff Hansen, vocals and guitar

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Ephesians 6*

One: Clothed with the peace of God, led by the Prince of peace, strengthened by the Spirit of peace, share signs of peace and love with one another and with those we meet in the days ahead. 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*

**ANTHEM***Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*

Jay Althouse

The Chancel Choir asked to surprise Pastor Rick by singing this morning as we celebrate his ministry.

**SCRIPTURE READING**[Ephesians 6:10-20](#); [John 6:56-69](#)

Terry Vine

**SERMON**

"God's Sustenance"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER****\*CLOSING HYMN***I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

HERE I AM

No. 69

**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

*Wade in the Water*

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. Mark Hayes

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Emiliy D. Wilson

HEAVEN

Arr. Mark Hayes

Mark Vinci, alto saxophone

Please remain seated for a brief presentation of our appreciation for Pastor Rick and Mary Stein and their time at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. They have been such a blessing to our congregation.

After the presentation, please join us in Hart Hall as we bid *Aloha* to the Steins!

Aloha means living in harmony with the people around you with mercy, sympathy, grace, and kindness. There is no better way to describe Rick and Mary and their presence at our church.

Aloha is used for “hello,” “goodbye,” and, in our case, “until we meet again.”

# 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.

**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.

**Bible Reading & Discussion Group** will start back up Wednesday, September 11 at noon in the Pastor’s office. Focus will be on Exodus.

**Cornerstone Preschool** begins their school year September 3.

**Rally Day** is September 8! Join us for worship with Pastor Eric Dillenbeck followed by games, a pie-eating contest, and animal encounters with Nora the Explorer!

**Saints Alive articles** are due today!

**Please sign the card** on the narthex table for Joshua Bowyer and family who are mourning the passing of Josh’s mother, Lynn. Lynn worshiped with ALPC every week on our Facebook livestream.

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

**Karen Francy** who suffered an aneurysm.

**Beth Swartz** who tripped and sustained a broken bone in her foot.

**Linda Kurak** as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.

**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:** The church staff will meet at 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Cornerstone Preschool will host Parent Information Night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone Preschool will host Open House 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 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. with pulpit fill Rev. Kurt Walker.

**Birthdays:** Matt Wendling, 8/29; Lynn Morway, 9/1

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pastor**

**Rick Stein**

**Director of Music**

**Rick Fortney**

Greeters

Anita Cheriyan, Marian Conn

Worship Assistant

Terry Vine

Ushers

Alan & JoAnn Wainscott

Sound Board

Gary Uhl

Projections

Beth Shoemaker

## *Chancel Choir*

Jackie Day	Sarah Waggoner	Cathy Graves	Jeff Hansen
Tammy Dusek	Gail Carter	Jan Mackert	Ed Carter
Sue Mabe	Joan Wojcicki	Sharon Pervo	Doug Day
Makayla McAfee	Fortney	Beth Shoemaker	Mike Dean
Susan Richardson	Deb Gantz	Dave Brunner	Ed Homer
Marcy Uhl	Barb Graves	Clay Dusek	Bob Palisin

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