

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

## *The Family of God*



"NEW CREATIONS"

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 16, 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**

*O Savior, Precious Savior*  
ANGEL'S STORY

Setting by Gerhard Krapf

**PRELUDE**

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*  
AURELLIA

Setting by Austin C. Lovelace

**WELCOME****CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**

*The Family of God*  
FAMILY OF GOD

William J. Gaither

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** *Mark 4, 2 Corinthians 5*

One: God of covenant love,

**All: we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.**

One: God of incarnate love,

**All: we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created for us.**

One: God of welcoming love,

**All: we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.**

One: God of everlasting love,

**All: we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Mark 4*

**All: Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree, we discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within the grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*There Is Now a New Creation*  
STUTTGART

No. 774

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *1 Samuel 15-16, 2 Corinthians 5, Psalm 20, Mark 4*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All:** Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. We wish we could shuck our selfish motivations and our deceptions. God, please help us to be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into new creations. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *2 Corinthians 5, Psalm 20*

One: May those who desire to please Christ, find the desire in their hearts.

**All:** In Christ, we are a new creation.

One: Everything old has passed away.

**All:** Everything has become new!

One: Glory to God!

**All:** Amen!

**ANTHEM**

*Méditation* from the opera *Thaïs*

Jules Massenet  
Arr. Paul Taffanel

Susan Richardson, flute | Doug Day, piano

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 20*

One: May God grant your heart's desire! Share this hope as you exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another. 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**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-27; Mark 4:26-34

Dave Brunner

**SERMON**

"New Creations"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER****\*CLOSING HYMN***My Life Flows On*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

No. 821

**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***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Setting by Paul Bouman

# 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.

**Please prayerfully consider a donation to our Parking Lot Fund.** We need to repair the parking lot and have started new fund for giving. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and in the pews.

**Yarn Ministry** will meet Tuesday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. Join us! If you don’t know how to knit or crochet, we will happily teach you.

**Jazz Sunday** will be next week! Come worship with the Elders of Jazz on June 23 at 10:00 a.m. as they share their sermon “Wade in the Water.” The Elders of Jazz is a Dixieland band that makes a joyful noise for the glory of God!



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

Those who have been affected by cancer: **Gary Uhl**; 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.

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

**Marian Conn**, who had knee replacement surgery this past Thursday.

**Tim Kurak**, who is recovering from surgery and an unrelated, minor heart attack. And, **Linda Kurak**, as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.

**Elda Catenacci**, Marcy & Gary Uhl's daughter-in-law's mother, who is in rehab due to severe back pain.

## *This Week at the Church*

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School begins today and will run through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Yarn Ministry will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. 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. VBS will perform for Avon Lake's Make Music Day 11:30 a.m. to noon.
- Saturday:** The Order of St. Luke will meet at the church.
- Next Sunday:** Worship featuring the Elders of Jazz begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Ruth Ann Peel, 6/17; JoAnn Wainscott, 6/19; Abigail Marshall, 6/21

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pastor**

**Director of Music**

Greeters

Worship Assistant

Ushers

Sound Board

Projections

Sunday School

Hymn Ensemble

**Rick Stein**

**Rick Fortney**

Sue Maloney

Dave Brunner

Marcy & Gary Uhl

Paul Butrey

AmyLynn Kaspar

Sybil Wendling

Jackie Day, Susan Richardson, Joan Wojcicki Fortney,  
Beth Shoemaker, David Brunner, Doug Day, Ed Homer

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