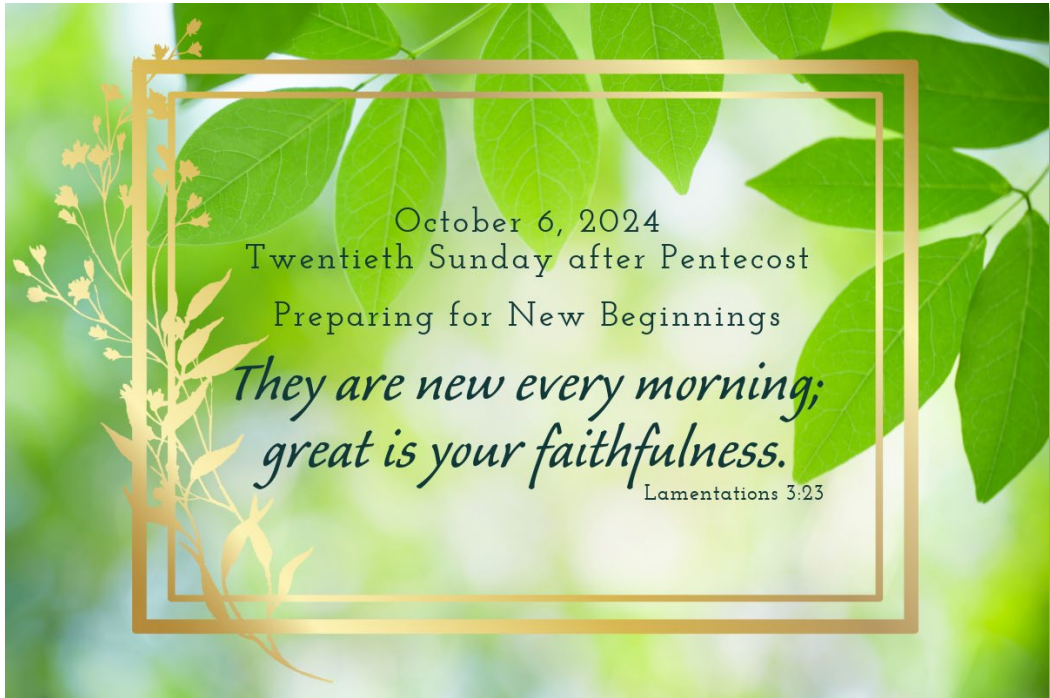


# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*



*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**

*Lord, Whose Love is Humble Service*  
BEACH SPRING

Setting by Robert J. Powell

**HANDBELL PRELUDE***Grazioso*

Arnold B. Sherman

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT***Praise the Name of Jesus*

Roy Hicks, Jr.

*All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!*  
CORONATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: May Your faithful hear Your voice, O Lord.

**All: Let us listen.**

One: May Your faithful understand Your will, O Lord.

**All: Let us receive.**

One: Let us praise and worship our God.

**All: May this life be our spiritual worship to You, O Lord.****OPENING PRAYER**

**All: Almighty God, You have revealed Your will and promised us Your power of salvation. May we hear and do what You command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of Your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*  
BEACH SPRING

No. 716

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All: Gracious God, we confess that we let our fears and doubts override our hope and faith. We've walked by sight and not by faith. We failed to trust Your love and faithfulness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Help us to boldly live out our faith, so that we may receive more faith. Help us to love others, so that we may receive more love.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: People of God, believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the inseparable love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, we're forgiven.

**ANTHEM***Come, Share the Lord*

Bryan Jeffery Leech  
Arr. Lloyd Larson

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: With clean heart and renewed spirits, let us rejoice in the law of love written on our hearts.  
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***Awesome Power*

John G. Elliott

Awesome power, boundless grace;  
None can fathom all Your ways,  
Truth and love are found in Your heart alone;

Righteousness surrounds Your throne.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord most high;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord most high.

**LORD'S PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE***Thank You, Lord!*

Dennis. L. Jernigan

For all that You've done, I will thank You,  
For all that You're going to do.  
For all that You've promised, and all that  
You are  
Is all that has carried me through,  
Jesus, I thank you!

And I thank You, thank You, Lord.  
Thank You, thank You, Lord.  
Thank you for loving and setting me free,  
Thank you for giving Your life just for me.  
How I thank You, Jesus, I thank You,  
Grateful thank You. Thank You.

**SCRIPTURE READING**[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

John Weeden

**SERMON**

"Good and Faithful Servant"

Rev. Luke Choi

**\*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**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**All: It is right to give our thanks to the Lord.**

### Words of Institution

One: In your wisdom, O God, you made all things. Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, send to us the Holy Spirit.

### Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

#### Prayer of Communion

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*  
OMNI DIE

Setting by Henry V. Gerike

*Cup of Blessing That We Share*  
TORSHOV

Setting by Richard W. Gieske

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*  
THE SERVANT SONG

No. 727

### 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

*Now Unto Him*

David Morris

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling,

And to make you stand in His presence

Blameless and with great joy,

To the only God, our Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,

Both now and ever; Amen!

### POSTLUDE

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
GORDON

Adoniram Gordon  
Arr. Jerry Ray

# *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.*

**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.

**Fix-It Saturday** will be October 12. Join the Property Committee at 9:00 a.m. to help complete small tasks around the church. This week, we will be focusing on outside work. Refreshments provided.

**Order forms for Cornerstone Preschool’s annual fundraiser** are available on the Narthex table. Orders are due by October 10.

**All Saints Day** will be Sunday, November 3. If you would like to have a loved one included in the slideshow, please send a photo along with name and relationship to Kenzi at [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org) by October 13.

**Trunk or Treat**, Cornerstone’s annual Halloween celebration, will be October 17, 5:30-8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## *Join us in welcoming the Rev. Luke Choi!*

Since September of 2021, Rev. Luke Choi has been serving as a church consultant for the Board of Pensions PC(USA) after four-and-a-half years with the Office of the General Assembly and twenty years of parish ministry. He resides in Broadview Heights, OH, with his wife, Jenis, and their two sons, Stephen (OSU) and Joshua (Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School).

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

**Karen Francy** who is making progress in her recovery from an aneurysm.  
**Linda Kurak** as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.  
**Noel Peel** and **Charlie & Debbie Swartz** who need continued healing.  
**Jen Lombardo** who has Metastatic breast cancer.

## *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 both meet at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. Letters to John study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Session room. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.

**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:** Yoga begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Fix-It Saturday will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with Guest Pastor Luke Choi. The Chosen study group will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the church library. Youth Group will meet at 6:00 p.m.

**Birthdays:** Russ Beeler, 10/4; Georgene Meador, 10/7; Debbie Swartz, 10/8

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

### **Pulpit Fill**

### **Director of Music**

Greeters  
Worship Assistant  
Soundroom  
Projections  
Ushers  
Accompanists  
Communion Servers

### **Rev. Luke Choi**

### **Rick Fortney**

Gino & Michele Meehan  
John Weeden  
Paul Butrey  
AmyLynn Kaspar  
Mike & Susan Reighard  
Doug Day, Muriel Homer  
Bill & Kathy Hamilton, Jim Hough, Lee Lohr

## *Chancel Choir*

Jackie Day  
Tammy Dusek  
Cathy Graves  
Sue Mabe  
Makayla McAfee  
Susan Richardson  
Marcy Uhl

Sarah Waggoner  
Gail Carter  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney  
Deb Gantz  
Barb Graves  
Jan Mackert  
Sharon Pervo  
Beth Shoemaker

Dave Brunner  
Clay Dusek  
Jeff Hansen  
Doug Day  
Mike Dean  
Ed Homer  
Bob Palisin

## *Handbell Choir*

Doug Day  
Gail Carter  
Linda Swartz  
Cheryl Dean

Jan Mackert  
Sharon Pervo  
Muriel Homer  
Sarah Waggoner  
Kathy Navarro

Dave Brunner  
Barb Graves  
Cathy Graves  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney

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