

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

*Music Sunday*

## **ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE**

ACT WITH CHARITY AND LOVE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 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

*Pavanne*Gabriel Fauré  
Arr. Doug Day

Susan Richardson, flute | Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Doug Day, string bass

## HANDBELL PRELUDE

*For All the Saints*Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

SINE NOMINE

Muriel Homer, organ

## WELCOME

## CHORAL INTROIT

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*

Craig Courtney

Muriel Homer, organ | Ty Hansen, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 23, 1 John 3, John 10*

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

One: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

One: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

One: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**OPENING PRAYER *B. J. Beu***All: Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity.**

## \*HYMN

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

No. 641

ENGELBERG

Charles V. Stanford  
Arr. Richard E. Frey

Congregation, please sing Verses 1, 3, and 5.

Ladies, please sing Verse 2; Men, Verse 4.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Acts 4, 1 John 3, Psalm 23, John 20*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All:** Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes, lighting the way of your truth for all to see. Help us choose honorable paths through green pastures and still waters amid the darkest valleys of our lives. For you are greater than our fears and you know how to bring us peace. As you laid down your life for us, may we strive to live for others. We choose you this day, for no other name under heaven inspires us to greater joy. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Psalm 23, Acts 4, John 10*

One: You are welcome at the table of the Lord. The Good Shepherd beckons all to come and be restored. Rejoice in the knowledge that you are loved!

**HANDBELL ANTHEM***Grazioso*

Arnold B. Sherman

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 23, 1 John 3*

One: May the peace of Christ make you ready for love to flow around and through you. May you boldly share his love as you pass the peace of Christ with one another this day. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**CHORAL INTRO TO PRAYER***Your Help Comes from the Lord*

Mark Hayes

Susan Richardson, flute | Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Doug Day, piano

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD'S PRAYER****CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

American Folk Hymn

Melody from *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Arr. Mack Wilberg

Doug Day, piano | Jacob Campbell, viola | Cathy Graves, flute

**REFLECTION**[Psalm 23](#)

Pastor Rick Stein

**MUSIC***Who But the Lord?*

Craig Courtney

Muriel Homer, piano

**REFLECTION** [Psalm 139](#) Pastor Rick Stein

**MUSIC** *It is Well With My Soul* Philip P. Bliss  
Arr. Cathy Molebust  
Jacob Campbell, violin

**REFLECTION** Story Behind “It Is Well With My Soul” Pastor Rick Stein

**MUSIC** *To Love Our God* Mark Hayes  
Doug Day, piano

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** *based on Ecclesiastes 1 and 12*

**\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** *God is Our Refuge and Strength* Allen Pote  
Muriel Homer, organ | Ty Hansen, trumpet

**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 the Saints Go Marching In* American Traditional Song  
Arr. Diane Bish

Muriel Homer & Doug Day, four hands at the piano

**POSTLUDE** *Sunday Joy!* Mark Hayes  
Doug Day, piano

# 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.

**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](http://www.loraincoopministry.com) to purchase. Any questions, see Kathy Hamilton or Kathy Navarro.

**The Chosen: Small Group Study** meets in the church library every Sunday at 11:45 a.m. This week we will be covering “Lesson 5: You Are a Witness.”

**Senior Recognition** and graduation season are quickly approaching! Submit a photo and brief bio of your graduate to [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org) by **Monday, April 29**. Senior Recognition will be May 12.

**Don’t forget...** Saints Alive articles are due **today!** Please make sure your committee submits an article!

**Youth Group** will be meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. Teens ages 13+ are invited to come socialize in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Come meet our new Youth Group Leader, Thomas Palisin.

**Spring Clean-Up Day** will be Sunday, May 5. Meet in Hart Hall immediately following worship. Deacon Dogs will be served to all who help spruce up the church grounds.

**Clothing Drive:** The Mission Committee is excited to announce a drive-up, drop-off clothing drive benefiting LCM. Gently used, clean clothing for all ages, sizes, and genders will be accepted on May 5 in the Avon Lake Presbyterian parking lot.

**The Property Committee** will hold a brief meeting today after worship in Hart Hall.

## *This Week at the Church*

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Men's Lunch Group will gather at noon. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone Preschool will host their annual High Tea, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** Cornerstone Preschool will host their annual High Tea, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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.
- Saturday:** The Order of St. Luke will meet.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Family Sunday will begin after worship in Hart Hall.
- Birthdays:** Joan Wojcicki Fortney, 4/22; Bill Gantz, 4/23; Bill Till, 4/25; Bob Palisin, 4/27; Aimee Cockburn, 4/28

## *Volunteers Today*

Greeters  
Ushers  
Sound Board  
Projections

The Stryczny Family  
Mike & Susan Reighard  
Mike Ciarrone  
Elizabeth Shoemaker

## *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**.

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

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

**Gail Kucharson**, who is recovering from a fractured pelvis.

**Barb & Cathy Graves** and family as they come to terms with the sudden death of their loved one, Anne Roberson.

**The Bondurant family** as they mourn the passing of Lynn's brother, David Bondurant. David passed away April 15 in Kansas City.

### *Chancel Choir*

Dave Brunner  
Doug Day  
Jackie Day  
Clayton Dusek  
Tammy Dusek  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Deb Gantz  
Barbara Graves  
Cathy Graves  
Jeff Hansen  
Ed Homer  
Sue Mabe  
Jan Mackert

Makayla McAfee  
Bob Palisin  
Sharon Pervo  
Susan Richardson  
Marcy Uhl  
Sarah Waggoner

### *Handbell Choir*

Dave Brunner  
Gail Carter  
Doug Day  
Cheryl Dean  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Barbara Graves  
Cathy Graves  
Muriel Homer  
Jan Mackert

Kathy Navarro  
Sharon Pervo  
Sherry Spenzer  
Linda Swartz  
Sarah Waggoner

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