

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

God Speaks to Our Hearts

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

"After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken."

JOHN 2:22



*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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

Setting by Paul Bouman

PRELUDE

When Peace Like a River – It is Well with My Soul
VILLE DU HAVRE

Philip P. Bliss
Arr. Russell Cook

Gail Carter, hammered dulcimer

WELCOME**INTROIT**

Think of Me and Remember
PREPARE THE WAY

Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 19*

One: Listen to the stars.

All: They tell God's glory.

One: They have no words.

All: Yet in their beauty, God speaks.

One: Listen to creation.

All: It sings God's song of peace.

OPENING PRAYER *Exodus 20*

All: Creator God, you call us from our busy lives to find knowledge and rest in this holy place. Center our spirits in your love. Open our hearts to your transforming word, for we are ready to realign our spirits, remember your words, and walk in your paths. Guide us in wisdom and truth as we seek to follow your words. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

O God, Who Gives Us Life
NOEL

No. 53

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lee Lohr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 19*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: God of love and truth, we long to walk in your paths. We yearn to follow you in the ways that lead to life and wholeness. Yet it is hard to know if we are taking the

right paths on our journey of faith. We worry that we will wander off, even when we don't mean to. May your love set us right, forgive our mistakes, and show us where we should go. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Psalm 19*

One: God promises forgiveness, that we may be blameless and innocent of any transgression.

ANTHEM*Your Help Comes from the Lord*

Mark Hayes

Susan Richarson, flute | Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Muriel Homer, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace among ourselves. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema
Arr. Joel Raney

LORD'S PRAYER**PRAYER RESPONSE***I Surrender All*

Winfield S. Weeden
Arr. Joel Raney

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

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SCRIPTURE READING[Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22](#)

Carol Nussle

SERMON

"God Speaks to Our Hearts"

Pastor Rick Stein

*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

Words of Institution

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

Prayer of Communion

COMMUNION MUSIC

Communion Suite

Robert Lau

Eucharistic Hymn

John Hodges

Adoro Te Devote

Plainsong

Penitentia

Edward Dearle

*CLOSING HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

No. 291

SPIRIT

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 I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lowell Mason

Setting by Gilbert M. Martin

HANDBELL POSTLUDE

Grazioso

Arnold B. Sherman

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.

Order forms for Easter Flowers went out in the bulletin a few weeks ago, as well as in Saints Alive as a cut-out. Please turn yours in by March 10. If you need a new order form, they are available on the narthex table.

A new desktop organization system is in place on Kenzi’s desk. If you bring in mail, turn in receipts or attendance, or need to leave a note for the church secretary, there’s a designated space for it!

This year’s Easter offering will go to the Lunch Bunch/Mission outreach fund. Our donations help provide 75 Brown Bag Lunches and a Family-Style Dinner for Haven Center each month. These funds support a variety of other local mission projects supervised by The Lorain Cooperative Ministries. We also sponsor groups that provide food pantries like CRS, The Front Door, First Lutheran Church, and The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. In 2024, we hope to be able to host lunches for our church family. Mark your offering “Easter Mission.” Questions may be directed to Beth Janis, Sue Mabe, or Kathy Hamilton.

A new office door lock will be installed soon. This will be a coded system. Code request forms are available on the narthex table.

Fix-It Saturday will be March 9 at 9 a.m. You know the drill (pun intended) – you bring the tools, we'll bring the donuts!

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The CE Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. Property Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Worship and Spiritual Life 7 p.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m.
- 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:** Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. The Mission Committee will meet at 4:15 p.m. No yoga this evening.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** Fix-It Saturday begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Joan M., 3/4; Jim J., 3/6; Dennis W., 3/6; Jay K., 3/7; Larry M., 3/7; Gail C., 3/8

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Beth S., who continues with chemotherapy treatments.

Joe U., continued health after completing his treatments.

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

George L., for continued healing.

Noel P., who seeks spiritual healing.

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.

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
Beth Shoemaker
Linda Swartz
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Handbell Choir

Dave Brunner
Ed Carter
Gail Carter
Doug Day
Cheryl Dean

Joan Wojcicki Fortney
Barbara Graves
Cathy Graves
Muriel Homer
Jan Mackert
Kathy Navarro

Sharon Pervo
Beth Shoemaker
Sherry Spenzer
Linda Swartz
Sarah Waggoner

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Sound Board
Projections
Communion Servers

Barb Zadroga, Jean Shane, Beth Swartz
Carol Nussle
Mike Ciarrone
AmyLynn Kaspar
Kathy Leopold, Kathy Navarro, Cris Till, Lee Lohr

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