

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Eat This Book

April 5, 2026 – 10:00 am

Easter Sunday

Gathering Music	<i>Make Songs of Joy Alleluia</i>	Susan Richardson, flute Rick Fortney, piano
Welcome		
Anthem	<i>On the Third Day</i>	
Invitation to Worship		
Hymn Medley*	<i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ Arose Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	
Passing of the Peace		
First Reading	<u>John 20:1-10</u>	Michele Cold
Message	“The Tomb is Empty”	Kristian Bendoraitis
Anthem	<i>I Will Arise</i>	Sarah Waggoner, soloist Susan Richardson, soloist
Second Reading	<u>John 20:11-18</u>	Michele Cold
Message	“Resurrection Life”	Kristian Bendoraitis
Hymn*	<i>Because He Lives</i>	
Prayers of the People		
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today!</i>	Rick Fortney, piano

Prayer Concerns

Georgene Meador – for strength, comfort, and the reassurance of God’s presence

Easter Offering


The Easter Offering is traditionally used for Mission projects.

Your donations helped provide 1,056 lunches for the Haven Center. This Lorain County shelter focuses on families. They also provide Meals on Wheels for elders and manage a preschool. We love sending socks, underwear, and mittens to this busy organization.

The tote bags we packed on Palm Sunday are another example of how we help our neighbors. As a member church of Lorain Cooperative Ministry, we are able to help with things like medicine, bus passes, vital paperwork, food, and clothing.

In 2026 we are working with ALPC Deacons to treat our church family and friends with things like a take home lunch. Additionally, your donations will be used to continue to support families and teens that are part of the Lorain County Foster Care agency.





Hosanna! He is Risen!
Thank you to all who helped fill our sanctuary
with the colors of this joyous season.

Kathy Leopold
in honor of US Military Heroes

Paul & Jackie Butrey

Catherine Graves

Kathy Navarro

Beth Swartz
in memory of Charlie Swartz

Lee Lohr

Barbara Graves
in memory of Robert Graves

Barbara Zadroga
in memory of Albert Zadroga and Sherry Thompson

Barbara Wiedl
in memory of Keith Wiedl and Virginia & Earl Benz

John & Margre Lind Mills
in honor of Ardelle Mills
and in memory of Robert Mills and James & Erleen Lind

Dave & Vickie Joyce
in memory of Carl & Fae Zucher and Blaine & Betty Joyce

Mike & Susan Reighard
in honor of Alan & Carole Reighard
and in memory of Robert & Helen Heath

Pat & Jim Hough

Elizabeth Shoemaker

The Week Ahead

April 5 – April 12

Today!	He is Risen! Happy Easter!
11 am	Easter Brunch <i>Hart Hall</i>
Monday	
All Day	Cornerstone No School
8:30 am	Walking Group
7 pm	WSL Committee Meeting <i>Church Office</i>
	Property Committee Meeting <i>Narthex</i>
	HR Committee Meeting
Tuesday	
All Day	Cornerstone No School
3 pm	Prayer Group <i>on Zoom</i>
Wednesday	
All Day	Cornerstone No School
8:30 am	Walking Group
6:45 pm	Handbell Choir Practice
8 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	
All Day	Cornerstone No School
12 pm	Bible Reading <i>CE Office</i>
2 pm	Mission Committee Meeting <i>Narthex</i>
Friday	
All Day	Cornerstone No School
8:30 am	Walking Group
Sunday	
10 am	Property Fix-It Day
Sunday	
10 am	Worship with Communion
11 am	Mission Lunch Packing

Announcements

One Great Hour of Sharing: Millions worldwide lack access to basic needs like food, clean water, and opportunity. OGHS supports efforts addressing disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and displacement, offering safety, sustenance, and hope. Donations of any amount are welcome.

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Are you passionate about nurturing faith and helping others grow in their spiritual journey? The **Christian Education Committee** is looking for new members! We help shape and support the faith life of our congregation through meaningful programs and initiatives. Interested? Contact Terry Vine or connect with a current committee member.

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What does the phrase “Go Bag” mean to you? Keys, wallet, water bottle, phone, maybe a mint... A Go Bag has a different meaning if you don’t have a permanent home. The **Mission Committee is packing bags** for Lorain Cooperative Ministries. Join the group in the narthex after today’s service.

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Pastor Kristian will be out of the office April 6-13. If you have a pastoral need, please contact the church office so we can connect you with the minister providing care in his absence.

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Communion will be offered next Sunday, April 12.

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Kathy Hartzell will fill our pulpit next Sunday. We are excited to welcome her back!

Office Hours

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