

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Eat This Book

April 12, 2026



Gathering Music	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing How Firm a Foundation</i>	
Welcome		
Call to Worship	One: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." All: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. One: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also, my heart instructs me. All: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.	
Hymn Medley*	<i>Because He Lives, Jesus Paid it All, How Great Thou Art</i>	
Call to Confession		Rev. Kathy Hartzell
Prayer of Confession	All: God of light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we don't accept the way things are. But too often we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. Amen.	
Assurance of Pardon		Rev. Kathy Hartzell
Passing of the Peace		
Prayer for Illumination	All: Lord, as we hear and reflect on your word this day, enlighten our hearts and minds that we may be transformed.	
Scripture	1 Peter 1:3-9	Lee Lohr
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Rev. Kathy Hartzell
Sermon	<i>Is Seeing All That is Needed for Believing?</i>	Rev. Kathy Hartzell
Communion		
Anthem	<i>Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You</i>	
Prayers of the People		Rev. Kathy Hartzell
Lord's Prayer		
Hymn*	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	No. 268
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	

The Week Ahead

April 12 - 19

Today!

11 am Mission Lunch Packing

Monday

8:30 am Walking Group

7 pm Deacons Meeting

Church Office

WSL Committee Meeting

CE Office

Tuesday

10:30 am Ruth Circle

CE Office

3 pm Prayer Group

on Zoom

6:30 pm CE Committee Meeting

on Zoom

Wednesday

8:30 am Walking Group

10 am Circle of Hope

CE Office

6:45 pm Handbell Choir Practice

8 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday

12 pm Bible Reading

CE Office

Friday

8:30 am Walking Group

Sunday

10 am Giving Sunday Worship

Announcements

Pastor Kristian will be out of the office through April 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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Welcome, Rev. Kathy Hartzell! Thank you for leading us in worship today.

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Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery will have its Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25 from 9 am to 1 pm at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. We will hear speakers from YOU (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) and from PEARLS (Positively Empowering and Restoring Ladies' Self-Esteem). Come learn about their ministries. Lunch is included. Please take a flyer with registration information (on the welcome table in the narthex).

Prayers

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

Tim Kurak – for peace and comfort as he receives hospice care, and for strength and support for his family

Office Hours

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