

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

## Going on Faith

### Peace Through Sacrificial Love

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.  
Ephesians 2:17-20

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*Based on Rathbun  
Ithamar Conkey  
Arr. Robert Lau*Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

Phoebe Palmer Knapp  
Arr. Mark Hayes

## PRELUDE

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

Arr. Mark Hayes

## WELCOME

## CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*The Family of God*

FAMILY OF GOD

William J. Gaither

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God—  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For we're part of the family, the family of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Ephesians 2, Mark 6*

One: When you are weary in your bones...

**All: here you will find rest.**

One: When you are divided from family and friends...

**All: here you will find peace.**

One: When you are discouraged and downhearted...

**All: here you will find hope and courage.**

One: When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you...

**All: here you will find succor and peace.**OPENING PRAYER *Ephesians 2, Mark 6*

**All: Healer of division, your Son came to abolish enmity and to create one humanity in his name. Unite us with your saints and bring us into the peace of your household, that we might dwell as one family through the one Spirit. Be present in our worship this day and seal us in the heart of Christ, our shepherd. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

No. 321

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Ephesians 2, Mark 6*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All:** **Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place, for we need your loving care. We need your spirit to guide us. We need your peace to our divisions. We yearn to abandon old grievances and embrace wholeness in our lives. We long to see all people, friends and adversaries alike, as beloved members of your household. In this, we will find peace. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Ephesians 2*

One: As members of the household of God, Christ calls us to be the dwelling place for the Lord of hosts. In Christ, we become a new humanity, loved and made whole by the Lord of life.

**ANTHEM***The B-I-B-L-E*

Arr. Wesley Hanson

*Jesus Loves Me*

William B. Bradbury

Arr. Wesley Hanson

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Ephesians 2, Mark 6*

One: Christ's love breaks down the walls that divide us. In joy and celebration of this great gift, let us share signs of the peace that makes us one. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***The Family Prayer Song*

Morris Chapman

*Song Leader:*

Come and fill our homes with Your presence  
You alone are worthy of our reverence

*Congregation:*

As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house, We will serve the Lord  
We will serve the Lord

**LORD'S PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE***Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
in my soul  
*Repeat*

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
in my soul  
*Repeat*

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
in my soul  
*Repeat*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      [Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)      Lee Lohr

**SERMON**      “Peace Through Sacrificial Love”      Pastor Rick Stein

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *There Is Now a New Creation*      No. 774  
STUTTGART

### 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.

**PASTOR RECESSIONAL**      *Now the Day is Over*      Joseph Barnby  
Arr. Wesley Hanson

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Morning Has Broken*  
BUNESSAN

New life has bloomed here, God’s love has warmed us.  
Now the world calls us to go spread that word.  
God’s grace go with you; may it sustain you.  
To bring us together; to praise God again!

**POSTLUDE**      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*      Christian H. Bateman  
MADRID      Arr. Mark Hayes

# 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** from the Healing Prayer Ministry are available at the back of the sanctuary after worship.

**Photos are needed of Elders and Deacons**. Please email a photo of yourself to [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org).

**The second Annual ALPC Cornroast** will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> following worship. The Deacons will once again be hosting the most delicious event of the summer! Sign up in the narthex to ensure enough food is prepared. We kindly ask that you bring a dessert to share; everything else will be provided by the Deacons.

**If you haven’t been receiving weekly e-news**, please use this code to give permission for [Constant Contact](#) to email you. Our e-news is sent out every Friday at 2:00 p.m. To scan the code, open your camera on your smartphone and point it as though taking a picture of the code. An option to open a webpage will pop up; just tap that link and sign up for e-news!



**Christian Education is seeking Class Leadership** to run a nine-week study this fall. The study, created by N. T. Wright, follows the Letters of John and aims to help believers embody the truth of the Gospel as the life of God working within them. Email Emilee if interested in leading this class: [e.oliva@avonlakepc.org](mailto:e.oliva@avonlakepc.org).

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

**Gary Uhl** who is undergoing treatment for cancer.  
**Marian Conn** who is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
**Linda Kurak** as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.  
**Lynn Morway** who is home recovering from ankle surgery.  
**Noel Peel** and **Charlie & Debbie Swartz** who need continued healing.

## *This Week at the Church*

**Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone continues summer camp this week.

**Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the office. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.

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

**Thursday:** The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. Yoga begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Saturday:** OSL will meet in the morning.

**Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Birthdays:** Bob Parker, *today!* Jason Call, 7/22; Mike Reighard, 7/23; Sue Scott, 7/23; Sherry Spenser, 7/24; Barbara Zadroga, 7/25; Ken Reichlin, 7/28

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pastor**

**Rick Stein**

**Director of Music**

**Rick Fortney**

Greeters

Ruth Ann McCarbery, Barbara Schweizer

Worship Assistant

Lee Lohr

Ushers

Cheryl & Mike Dean

Sound Board

Mike Richardson

Projections

Elizabeth Shoemaker, AmyLynn Kaspar

Hymn Ensemble

Jackie Day, Marcy Uhl, Sarah Waggoner, David Brunner, Doug Day, Ed Homer

Soloists

The Waggoner Family Trio

Organ

Muriel Homer

Piano

Doug Day

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