

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for New Beginnings

*They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:23

*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

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!
CORONATION

Setting by Roger T. Petrich

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
SOLID ROCK

Setting by Jonathon Kohrs

WELCOME**HANDBELL PRELUDE***Aria*

Cynthia Dobrinski

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Praise the Name of Jesus
FAMILY OF GOD

Roy Hicks, Jr.

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress, He's my deliverer
In Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!
CORONATION

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

All: God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

One: What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

All: God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.

One: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

All: We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.

OPENING PRAYER

All: In the midst of this life, you seek us out, O God, with a story of hope that stretches the bounds of our imagination. In the midst of our own seeking – sometimes the wrong things, and sometimes your kingdom – you reach out to us, O God, with assurance and invitation that draws us to live in the light of your promise. Open us to trust, and give us courage to live with confidence in you. Amen.

OPENING HYMNMy Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

No. 353

SOLID ROCK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Emilee Oliva

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We find it a lot easier to play favorites, rather than treating everyone equally. We find it simpler to classify others as “them,” instead of discovering what makes them beloved in God’s eyes. We cling to fear, when we could grasp hold of God’s enduring love. Let us confess together all we have done, and not done, which brings hurt to others, and harm to ourselves. Join me, as we pray together, saying...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: How glibly we say we trust you, Holy One, and how quickly our fears silence our words. We find you at the side of the poor, while we cozy up to the rich and famous. You stand behind the counter serving the hungry at the soup kitchen, while we are stocking our freezers and pantries till they overflow. We look down at those whose hands are dirty, but your hand of mercy pulls them into your embracing love. Forgive us, O Lord, and do good to us when we have trouble doing good for others. Surround us with your love; surround us with your grace; surround us with your peace; surround us with the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Good News remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

ANTHEM*Prayer of Being*

Mark Hayes

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*Awesome Power*

John G. Elliott

Awesome power, boundless grace;
 None can fathom all Your ways,
 Truth and love are found in Your heart alone;
 Righteousness surrounds Your throne.
 Holy, holy, holy Lord most high;
 Holy, holy, holy Lord most high.

LORD'S PRAYER**PRAYER RESPONSE***Thank You, Lord!*

Dennis L. Jernigan

For all that You've done, I will thank You,
 For all that You're going to do.
 For all that You've promised, and all that
 You are
 Is all that has carried me through,
 Jesus, I thank you!

And I thank You, thank You, Lord.
 Thank You, thank You, Lord.
 Thank you for loving and setting me free,
 Thank you for giving Your life just for me.
 How I thank You, Jesus, I thank You,
 Grateful thank You. Thank You.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Psalm 125](#)
[Mark 7:24-37](#)

Kathy Hamilton
 Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

SERMON

"Tell No One"

Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

***OFFERING/DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN**

Trust In God, Psalm 125
 SONG 13

No. 848

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

Now Unto Him

David Morris

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling,
And to make you stand in His presence
Blameless and with great joy,
To the only God, our Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,
Both now and ever; Amen!

POSTLUDE

Trust in God, Psalm 125

Setting by Henry Coleman

SONG 13

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.

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.

Welcome, Reverend Dillenbeck! Rev. Eric Dillenbeck has been ordained in the PCUSA for 20 years, serving churches in South Carolina, Georgia, and Ohio. He currently works as the Director of Work Experience Programs for Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.), a nonprofit that provides workforce development services to youth and young adults across Cuyahoga County. In 2023, Y.O.U. employed 1,850 youth in six-week summer jobs as a tool to help them build their professional network, explore career opportunities, and earn an income they could use to help themselves and their families.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is presenting a candidate to preach at ALPC on Sunday, September 22. A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service, at which a vote will be taken on whether to extend a call to this candidate. Please attend the service and be present at this important meeting so your vote on our new pastor is counted.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Karen Francy who is making progress in her recovery from an aneurysm but still has a long way to go.

Beth Swartz who tripped and sustained a broken bone in her foot.

Linda Kurak as she lives through the effects of Parkinson’s disease.

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. The Property Committee and the HR Committee will both meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- 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:** Mission will meet at 4:00 p.m. Yoga begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** Fix-It Day will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with pulpit fill Rev. Kurt Walker.
- Birthdays:** Ed Carter, *today!* Linda Kurak, 9/9; Mark Otterson, 9/9; Charlie Swartz, 9/11

Church Leaders and Volunteers

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| Pulpit Fill | Reverend Eric Dillenbeck |
| Director of Music | Rick Fortney |
| Greeters | Jim & Pat Hough |
| Worship Assistant | Kathy Hamilton |
| Soundroom | Paul Butrey |
| Projections | Elizabeth Shoemaker, AmyLynn Kaspar |
| Ushers | Fred & Sharon Call |

Chancel Choir

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| Jackie Day | Marcy Uhl | Barb Graves | Jeff Hansen |
| Tammy Dusek | Sarah Waggoner | Jan Mackert | Doug Day |
| Cathy Graves | Gail Carter | Sharon Pervo | Mike Dean |
| Sue Mabe | Joan Wojcicki | Beth Shoemaker | Ed Homer |
| Makayla McAfee | Fortney | Dave Brunner | Bob Palisin |
| Susan Richardson | Deb Gantz | Clay Dusek | |

Handbell Choir

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| Doug Day | Cheryl Dean | Sarah Waggoner | Cathy Graves |
| Gail Carter | Jan Mackert | Kathy Navarro | Joan Wojcicki |
| Linda Swartz | Sharon Pervo | Dave Brunner | Fortney |
| | Muriel Homer | Barb Graves | |

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