

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Sermon: Proclaiming the Resurrection

"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

ACTS 10:43

*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*Resurrection Medley*

Arr. Mark Hayes

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ST. CHRISTOPHER)*Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today* (EASTER HYMN)*Lift High the Cross* (CRUCIFER)**HANDBELL PRELUDE***The Strife is O'er*G. P. Sante da Palestrina
Arr. Arnold B. Sherman**WELCOME****INTROIT***Think of Me and Remember**Easter Fanfare*

Muriel Homer, organ

Joel Raney
Paul Fetler**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Acts 10, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15, Mark 16*

One: This very day, God has acted.

All: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

One: We know the message that God sends to all people.

All: God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available to all through the Lord of life.

One: The one who lived among us,

All: doing good and healing all,

One: was crucified, dead, and buried.

All: But God raised him on the third day.

One: This very day, God has acted.

All: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

OPENING PRAYER *Acts 10, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15*

All: God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses to Jerusalem, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus' suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all the people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

OPENING HYMNJesus Christ is Risen Today*

No. 232

EASTER HYMN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Rick Stein

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Acts 10, 1 Corinthians 15, Mark 16**Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

All: Risen Jesus, how we long to proclaim the good news we have received – you are risen, the tomb is empty, and you are present with your friends. Remind us not to look for you in the places where we lost you – our grief, our failure, the death all around us. For you have been raised. You are not trapped in some tomb. Help us proclaim your resurrection with confidence this day. Flawed as we are, help us perceive how deeply we are loved, for your grace and mercy never fail. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Acts 10, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15*

One: Beloved of God, the grace of God is with you, and God's grace has not been in vain. Receive forgiveness and mercy through the name of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM*Victory*

G.P. Sante da Palestrina

VICTORY

Setting by John Ness Beck

Adapted with Alleluias by William H. Monk

Muriel Homer, organ | Doug Day, piano

When the choir director turns around, please stand and join the choir in singing:

Lord! By the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Acts 10*

One: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Let us share this holy peace with one another. 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.

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

SCRIPTURE READING[Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8](#)

Sherry Spenser

SERMON

“Proclaiming the Resurrection”

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN MEDLEY**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN TO JOY

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior For the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal, On this resurrection morn;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer By His mighty enterprise,
We with Him to life eternal By His resurrection rise.**

Christ Arose

CHRIST AROSE

**Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting for the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

**Refrain: Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o’er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!**

Refrain

**Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bar away, Jesus my Lord!**

Refrain

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*Good Christians All Rejoice*

Melchior Vulpius

With Thine is the Glory

G.F. Handel

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Thank you to all who donated to our plant fund, enabling us to fill our sanctuary with so many joyous and colorful flowers!

Kathy Leopold

Catherine Graves

Jean Waddell

Lee Lohr

Craig & Elizabeth Shoemaker

Ed & Muriel Homer

Barbara Zadroga, *in loving memory of Albert Zadroga*

Joe LaGrassa, *in honor of the Church family*

Robert & Janet Parker, *in memory of Pauline Parker*

Nori Markowski, *in memory of Diane Bogre*

Kathy & Lanny Navarro, *in memory of Sue Miller*

Barb Hall, *in memory of Don Hall*

Jim & Pat Hough, *in memory of our son, Michael Hough*

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

Bill & Kathy Hamilton, *in memory of Bob & Kay Usher and Virgil & Ray Hamilton*

Gary & Marcy Uhl, *in honor of our Church family*

Beth Swartz, *in memory of Roscoe Swartz*

Penny Helbig, *in memory of my parents, Mildred & Aldene Casto*

Carol Nussle, *in memory of my parents, Edna & Arthur Vine*

Josh & Jackie Bowyer, *in honor of Lynn in Cincinnati*

Sue Mabe, *in memory of Eleanor & Bob Adams*

Rick & Mary Stein, *in honor of our Church family*

Sherry & Jeff Spenser, *in memory of Warren Newman*

Barbara Schweitzer, *in honor of daughters Martha & Sara*

Tom & Laurie Callahan, *in memory of our parents*

Barbara Graves, *in honor of Megan & Matthew Graves and in memory of Loved Ones*

Paul & Jackie Butrey,

in memory of Jean & Chuck Mastro, Kenneth Whitney, Charles & Phylis Butrey, and Lynda Butrey

AmyLynn & Doug Kaspar,

in honor of Amy's parents, Karen & Gary Clawson,

and in honor of Doug's parents, Hazel & Ed Kaspar, and our daughter, Rebecca

John Mills & Margre Lind Mills,

in honor of Ardelle Mills and in memory of Jim & Erleen Lind and Bob Mills



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.

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.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** The Church office will be closed. Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday:** Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Session room. The Love & Respect class will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the coffeehouse lobby. Yoga will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Hart Hall. Dr. Lynn Bondurant will hold a presentation about the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Good Friday worship service begins at noon.
- Next Sunday:** Sunday worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Sharon Pervo, 4/1; Will Wendling, 4/1; Barbara Wiedl, 4/2; Elliot Stryczny, 4/7; Jackie Butrey, 4/7; Janet St. George, 4/7

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: Joyce Bihary's daughter, **Brenda**; Eddie Lou Bush's daughter, **Betsy**; Sherry & Jeff Spenser's co-grandparent, **Lynne**; **Beth Shoemaker**; **Jen Lombardozi**; **George Lawson**; Carolyn & Russ Beeler's daughter-in-law's mother, **Barb**; Matt & Sybil Wendling's nephew, **Tommy**, who is also dealing with the aftereffects of a stroke.

Continued healing for **Noel, Ashley, Jessie, Charlie, and Debbie**.

Lee Lohr's family in the Ukraine.

Lynn Morway, whose broken arm is healing.

John & Margre Lind Mills' niece, **Megan**, who is having a difficult pregnancy with twins.

Mark Otterson, who is now recovering at home after surgery.

AmyLynn Kaspar, who is at home recovering from a broken arm.

Gail Kucharson, who is recovering from a fractured pelvis. She returned home from rehab on her 85th birthday, March 25.

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 Spenser
Linda Swartz
Sarah Waggoner

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

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Sound Board
Projections
Ushers

Lynn & Kay Bondurant
Sherry Spenser
Mike Ciarrone
Craig Shoemaker
Bill & Kathy Hamilton

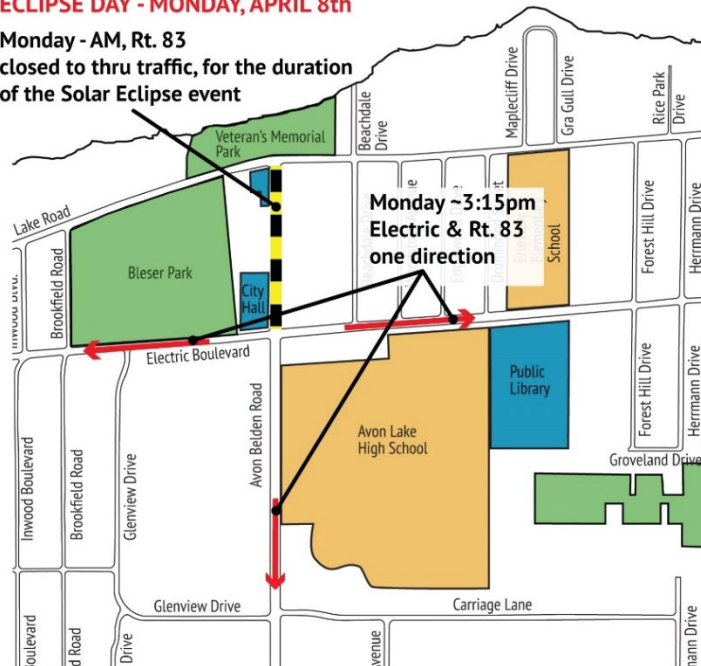
Totality in Avon Lake

- ☀️ Dr. Lynn Bondurant, NASA Education Officer, retired, will hold an informative presentation about what makes this eclipse a truly special occasion and a very rare event! The presentation will take place Thursday, April 4, in the church sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
- ☀️ The Order of Saint Luke will open a Blessing Booth on Sunday, April 7 on the front lawn.
- ☀️ Worship on April 7 begins at 10:00 a.m.
- ☀️ Cornerstone Preschool and the Church Office will be closed Monday, April 8.
- ☀️ There will be no eclipse parking at ALPC. Barricades will not be set up to keep people out of the parking lot, but signs will be posted.
- ☀️ The City of Avon Lake announced that starting the morning of Monday, April 8, Avon Belden Road (aka State Route 83) will be closed between Lake Road and Electric Boulevard during the duration of the eclipse events. Starting at 3:15 p.m. that day, traffic will disperse from Avon Lake High School in one direction onto the main roads. Please see the map for reference.
- ☀️ City officials recommend avoiding all park areas if you are not attending a watch party. Large crowds and heavy traffic are expected.
- ☀️ State officials recommend stocking up on essentials such as groceries and making sure your prescriptions and gas tanks are full prior to the influx of people to our city.

The SON will never be eclipsed here!

AVON LAKE TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES ECLIPSE DAY - MONDAY, APRIL 8th

**Monday - AM, Rt. 83
closed to thru traffic, for the duration
of the Solar Eclipse event**



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Why should you always have two Easter baskets?

Because it's never wise to put all your eggs in one basket.