

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

TONGUES OF FIRE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2024



*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

Spirit of the Living God
Come, Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome

Daniel Iverson
William J. Gaither
Dottie Rambo and
David Huntsinger

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

Arr. Kevin McChesney

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend
Arr. Mark Hayes

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
The cornerstone, the solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm.

What heights of love, what depths of
peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here, in the love of Christ I stand.
Here, in the love of Christ I stand

CALL TO WORSHIP *Acts 2, John 14*

One: In rushing wind and tongues of fire...

All: the Church is born.

One: In courage found and faith renewed...

All: the Church gains strength.

One: In visions seen and dreams made real...

All: the Church blesses the world.

One: In hopes rekindled and fears released...

All: the Church leads the way.

One: In rushing wind and tongues of fire...

All: come, Holy Spirit, come.

OPENING PRAYER *Acts 2*

All: God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts and fill us with your courage and power. On this day of Pentecost, may our young people see visions and our elders dream dreams. Blow open the doors of our shut up hearts and send us into the world to spread the good news of your saving love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

No. 267

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Rick Stein

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Acts 2, Psalm 104, Romans 8*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created. When you take away their breath, they return to the earth. Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One, that we may sing and rejoice in your presence. Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf, that we may proclaim the glory of your world and help others claim your many blessings.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Psalm 104, Romans 8*

One: God searches the heart and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ, God's steadfast love endures forever.

CHANCEL ANTHEM

Prayer of Pentecost

Gerald Kensinger

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *John 15*

One: God sent the Advocate to seal the blessings of Christ in our lives. Let us claim these blessings for ourselves and for one another as we share signs of Christ's peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein
Arr. Eugene Thomas

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice –
To worship You, O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (2x)

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE*O, How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser

O, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go,

O, how He loves you and me;

His love for mankind to show;

He gave His life, what more could He
give?What He did there brought hope from
despair:

O, how He loves you;

O, how He loves you;

O, how He loves me;

O, how He loves me;

O, how He loves you and me!

O, how He loves you and me

SCRIPTURE READING[Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15](#)

Barbara Lehmkuhl

SERMON

“Tongues of Fire”

Pastor Rick Stein

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN***Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

No. 291

SPIRIT

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*All You Need is Love*

John Lennon/Paul McCartney

Arr. Alan Billingsley

HANDBELL POSTLUDE*Majesty*

Jack W. Hayford

Arr. Jack Schrader

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.

Please join us in Avon Lake’s Memorial Day Parade! All are invited to represent our church! Sign-up is available in the narthex. We would love to have as many ALPC veterans and veteran families as possible march or ride with us!

VBS needs craft supplies. If you have empty paper towel rolls and/or empty rectangular tissue boxes, please drop them off to Emilee.

Yarn Ministry will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us with your yarn projects (crochet, knit, etc.). Our group will continue to meet throughout the summer on the third Tuesday of each month.

Please sign the card on the chancel table to send greetings of well-being to Anita Cheriyan.

Saints Alive articles are due May 26. The summer issue will come out Friday, May 31.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Yarn Ministry will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone Preschool will host their annual end of the year field day on the front lawn during school hours.
- Thursday:** Cornerstone Preschool will hold a graduation ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Session room. Yoga will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Saints Alive articles are due.
- Birthdays:** Nancy Baldwin, *today!* Phil Stryczny, 5/24

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: Joyce Bihary's daughter, **Brenda**; Sherry & Jeff Spenser's co-grandparent, **Lynne**; **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; and, **Gary Uhl**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 2 prostate cancer and is currently exploring treatment options with his medical team.

Continued healing for **Noel Peel and Charlie & Debbie Swartz**.

Terry Kaufman, Gary & Marcy Uhl's brother-in-law, who will have his leg amputated May 28.

Anita Cheriyan, who is recovering from foot surgery.

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Ushers
Sound Board
Projections
Sunday School

Ruth Ann McCarbery, Mary Stein
Barb Lehmkuhl
Fred & Sharon Call
Mike Ciarrone
Elizabeth Shoemaker
Sybil Wendling

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
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Handbell Choir

Dave Brunner
Gail Carter
Doug Day
Cheryl Dean
Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Barbara Graves
Cathy Graves
Muriel Homer
Jan Mackert

Kathy Navarro
Sharon Pervo
Sherry Spenser
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