

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Eat This Book

April 19, 2026



Gathering Music	<i>Blest Are They</i> <i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	Doug Day, piano
Welcome		Kristian Bendoraitis
Opening Prayer		Matthew Skolnik
Call to Worship	(responsive)	Lora Mosier
Hymn*	<i>Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!</i>	No. 248
Assurance of Grace	(responsive)	Matthew Skolnik
Prayer of Confession	All: Gracious and merciful God, you come near to us, and still we do not always recognize you. You walk beside us, and yet we are distracted, caught up in our own thoughts, our own fears, our own understanding. We confess that we often move too quickly – too certain of ourselves, too slow to listen, too busy to notice your presence among us. We cling to what we think we know, and miss the new thing you are doing. We hold back from trust, and resist the grace you freely give. Forgive us, we pray. Open our eyes, that we might see you more clearly.	
Passing of the Peace		
Scripture	Luke 24:13-35	Lora Mosier
Sermon	“Recognizing Christ in Our Midst”	Matthew Skolnik
Hymn*	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	No. 451
Affirmation of Faith		Matthew Skolnik
Offering/Anthem	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	
Prayers of the People		
Hymn*	<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i>	No. 747
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Rick Fortney, piano

The Week Ahead

April 19 – 26

Today!

11 am Giving Sunday

Monday

8:30 am Walking Group

7 pm Session Meeting
Church Office

Tuesday

10:30 am Yarn Ministry
Narthex

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
Narthex

3 pm Prayer Group
on Zoom

Wednesday

8:30 am Walking Group

6:45 pm Handbell Choir Practice

8 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday

12 pm Bible Reading
CE Office

Friday

8:30 am Walking Group

Saturday

10 am Order of St. Luke

Sunday

10 am Worship

11 am Mission Meal Prep

Announcements

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). Please take a flyer with registration information (on the welcome table in the narthex).

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Sunday, April 26 is **Blue Sunday**. Join Lorain County Children Services and Ever Lifted Ministry of Education at Blessing House (6115 Olivet Avenue, Elyria) for a community prayer service honoring children who have experienced abuse and neglect. All are welcome; service begins at 3 pm.

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Today we welcome **Matthew Skolnik**, Transitional General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. Thank you, Matt, for leading us in worship!

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Save the dates for **upcoming memorial services** honoring two beloved members of our community. A service for Jim Hough will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, followed by a service for Tim Kurak on Sunday, May 31, 2026. More details will be shared soon.

Prayers

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

Tim Kurak – passed peacefully into God's (and Linda's!) waiting arms on April 13; lift up his family as they mourn his loss and navigate the days ahead

Jim Hough – passed away suddenly on April 11; surround his wife, Pat, and the rest of his family in love and support and may they feel the comfort of God's peace

Office Hours

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