

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

Going on Faith

Power in Weakness

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
10Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of
Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

July 7, 2024

Seventh 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

Offertorium

Gordon Young

Morning Hymn

Gordon Young

Praeludium

Gordon Young

PRELUDE

More Love to Thee, O Christ

William H. Doane

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Arr. Mark Hayes
and Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

The Family of God

William J. Gaither

FAMILY OF GOD

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 *Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12*

One: Rely on God's providential care.

All: God's grace is sufficient for us.

One: Take nothing for the journey but faith in Christ.

All: We can trust the God of our salvation.

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Come! Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER *2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6*

All: Eternal Spirit, you call us to set aside our scheming and place our trust in you alone. You challenge us to take nothing for the journey but our desire to do your will. Teach us once more that your strength is made perfect in weakness, and that your grace is sufficient to meet our every need. With the confidence of little children, we place our lives in your hands this day. For we know that you will be with us every moment of our lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No. 463

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Merciful One, we are tired in body and soul. You teach us that your grace is sufficient, but we yearn for something more tangible. You assure us that your strength is made perfect in weakness, but our weakness feels like it is killing us. Give us humble hearts this day, that we may see beyond the surface and behold the grace you hold for us when we rest completely in your care. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6*

One: God's grace is sufficient for us as we take nothing for the journey and place our trust in God. God's power is made perfect in weakness as we see beyond our limitations and seek to do God's will.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6*

One: On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey. Look around at your fellow travelers, then share the signs of Christ's peace, for this peace is grace and strength for the journey. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray

Native American Tribal Song

Arr. John Dempsey

Sherry Spenser, bassoon | Doug Day, piano

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[2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13](#)

Kathy Hamilton

SERMON

"Power in Weakness"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER*RECEIVING TRENT WAGGONER INTO MEMBERSHIP****COMMUNION**

All who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's table. Please hold the bread until all have been served and partake as directed by the Pastor. Likewise, please hold the cup until all have been served and partake as directed. Please note that ALL bread is gluten-free and the cup is filled with juice.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**Words of Institution****Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ****Prayer of Communion****COMMUNION MUSIC***My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

Setting by Theodore Beck

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Arr. Mark Hayes
and Douglas E. Wagner

CLOSING HYMNYou are My All in All*

Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak
 You are the treasure that I seek
 You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all

Taking my sin my cross my shame
 Rising again I bless your name
 You are my all in all
 When I fall down you pick me up
 When I am dry You fill my cup
 You are my all in all

Chorus:

Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your Name
 Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your Name

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your Name
 Jesus Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your Name
 Worthy is Your Name
 Worthy is Your Name!

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*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*How Firm a Foundation*

Setting by Sam Batt Owens

FOUNDATION

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 prayerfully consider a donation to our Parking Lot Fund. We need to repair the parking lot and have started new fund for giving. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and in the pews.

2¢-A-Meal / Cents-Ability is back! Do you remember collecting change “for a rainy day?” The Presbytery adopted Cents-Ability as a good way to collect pocket change as donations to support hunger programs in the USA and throughout the world. The coins aid in programs like food distributions, local gardens, water purification, etc. Please bring your “rainy day” change to church the first two weeks in July. The Mission Committee will count the coins and get the funds to PCUSA. Of course, checks payable to ALPC with the memo “2¢-A-Meal” are welcome, too. You may direct questions to Beth Janis.

Photos are needed of Elders and Deacons. Please email a photo of yourself to alpresby@avonlakepc.org.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on July 14.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Gary Uhl who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
Marian Conn who had knee replacement surgery.
Linda Kurak as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.
Lynn Morway who broke her ankles.
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 Deacons will meet at 7:00 p.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: 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: Fix-It Saturday starts at 9:00 a.m.
Next Sunday: Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
Birthdays: Laura Marshall, 7/6; Kathy Hamilton, 7/10; Penelope Wendling, 7/10; Doug Day, 7/12; Beth Janis, 7/13; Joy Harris, 7/17

Church Leaders and Volunteers

Pastor	Rick Stein
Director of Music	Rick Fortney
Communion Servers	Kathy Leopold, Marcy Uhl, Mary Stein, Lee Lohr
Greeters	Skip & Nancy Albrecht
Worship Assistant	Kathy Hamilton
Ushers	Sandra Seib, Terry Vine
Sound Board	Paul Butrey
Projections	Elizabeth Shoemaker, AmyLynn Kaspar
Hymn Ensemble	Jackie Day, Marcy Uhl, Sarah Waggoner, David Brunner, Doug Day, Ed Homer

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