

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

JAZZ SUNDAY featuring
THE ELDERS OF JAZZ

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 2024



WADE IN THE WATER

*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

Kay McIntosh

WELCOME

Doug Day

PROCESSIONAL[Psalm 150](#) / *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Traxler

One: Why are you here?

All: We're here to praise the Lord.

One: How will you praise the Lord?

All: We're going to sing!

One: What else?

All: We're going to shout and clap our hands!

One: Is that all?

All: No! We're going to tap our toes and maybe even dance!

One: So we're going to sing, shout, clap our hands, and dance. What will the Lord think of all this undignified behavior?

All: He'll love it! God commanded us to make a joyful noise unto Him and He inhabits our praise.

HYMNWhat a Friend We Have in Jesus*

No. 465

OPENING WORDS

Jim Traxler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Traxler

All: Lord, we are all on a journey, a pilgrimage from sinfulness to wholeness. We acknowledge that you have been the great healer throughout history. We claim your healing and cleansing touch for ourselves, for our families, and for all that we meet in our daily lives. But we confess that, like the man at the Bethesda pool, we do not always want to be healed. We make up reasons why we cannot be made whole. We allow that attitude to infect all that we do and say. Help us to accept your healing touch from this moment on. Help to "wade in the water."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, I have good news for you. If you truly confessed your sins and asked forgiveness, Jesus, our friend and our great healer, has just washed you clean of all unrighteousness and has made you whole.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us now share that peace with one another.

SERMON

“Wade in the Water”

Jim Traxler

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 3:7-12

Jeremiah 8:22, Mark 3:1-6

Mark 2:1-12

John 5:1-9

Kay McIntosh

Terry White

Ken Kayden

Kim Kazda

HYMNS*on screen**Go Down, Moses*

Traditional Spiritual

No. 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional Spiritual

No. 792

There is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual

No. 649

Amazing Grace

Traditional American Melody

*on screen**Wade In the Water*

Traditional Spiritual

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Jan Traxler

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYBringing in the Sheaves*

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness

Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve,

Waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jan Traxler

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE***Amen / When the Saints Go Marching “Out”*

Traditional

The Congregation is invited to be seated for the postlude.

The Elders of Jazz

The Elders of Jazz are amateur Dixieland musicians who play to praise God in their own, special, joyous way. Many of the “Elders” are in fact ordained elders in the Presbyterian Church. The group was founded by Jim Traxler, an elder at John Knox Presbyterian Church, and the late and beloved Al Hart, former pastor of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church.

Dixieland jazz has its roots in the Negro spirituals from the time of slavery. This vocal music was adapted in the late 19th century by New Orleans black instrumentalists who played for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and virtually every significant event in the community. Although later secularized, jazz was originally spiritually based, and the Elders of Jazz play “in the spirit” as a ministry at churches and events throughout Northeast Ohio.

Doug Day
Ken Jayden
Kim Kazda
Dalton Love (absent)
Kay McIntosh
Jim Traxler
Jan Traxler
Terry White

Tuba
Trombone
Drums
Clarinet
Piano
Trumpet
Timbrel
Soprano Sax



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.

Please silence phones during the service. 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.

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.

Snacks wanted! It’s time for Summer Snack Bags! We hope that we will be able to supply CRS with 50 snack bags, each containing 12 things. The bags are given to families with children and teens in our community. CRS clients look forward to them every summer. Donations are needed no later than July 7 and can be placed at the base of the Narthex cross. CRS happily accepts anything but here are some suggestions: Easy Mac (microwavable mac & cheese), granola bars, cereal bars, pre-packaged muffins, chips, popcorns, nut packets, crackers, juice boxes (all fruit juice is best), candy, cookies, fruit cups, individual applesauce cups.

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.

From your Presbytery of the Western Reserve

Dear Northeast Ohio Presbyterian congregation friends: Your Presbytery of the Western Reserve offers several grant opportunities. The Vision Fund takes grant applications throughout the year, and makes grants throughout the year, making easier your missions targeting Matthew 25 Initiative goals of building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

The Vision Fund reviews grant applications six times each year. Please go to <https://www.preswesres.org/visionfund> to read the evaluation rubric and prepare and submit your grant application. Upon review of your application, either a grant may be disbursed, or a conversation initiated about moving toward approval.

PWR Vision Fund categories include:

Individual - \$1000 per application, 1/year

Member Church - \$2000 per application, 2/year

Presbytery Committee - \$5000 per application, 3/year

Presbytery Network - \$2000 per application, 2/year

Other Entity or Presbytery Partner - \$1000 per application, 1/year

Think expansively and act boldly – and please send us your application soon – let’s help you achieve your 2024 Matthew 25 goals.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: **Gary Uhl**; Joyce Bihary’s daughter, **Brenda**; Sherry & Jeff Spenzer’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.

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

Marian Conn, who is at home recovering from surgery. She is doing well but not yet up to visitors. Mailings are welcome!

Tim Kurak, who is recovering from surgery and an unrelated, minor heart attack. And, **Linda Kurak**, as she lives through the effects of Parkinson’s disease.

Elda Catenacci, Marcy & Gary Uhl’s daughter-in-law’s mother, who is in rehab due to severe back pain.

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. Men's Lunch Group will meet at noon. 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. in the Session room. Yoga will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** The Order of St. Luke will meet at the church.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Don Stueber, 6/26; Leigha St. George, 6/27; Sybil Wendling, 6/28; Nanette Wiedl, 6/30; Shawn Brunner, 6/30; Barbara Lehmkuhl, 6/30

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