

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

INSTRUMENTS OF GOD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 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

What Wondrous Love is This
WONDROUS LOVE

Setting by John Folkening

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

Setting by Paul Bouman

PRELUDE

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein
Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

INTROIT

In Christ Alone

Ketih 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 3, Psalm 4*

One: Turn to Christ,

All: who calls us here.

One: Place your trust in God,

All: who protects our lives.

One: Lean into Spirit,

All: as we worship in Spirit and truth.

OPENING PRAYER *Acts 3, Luke 24*

All: God of miracles and truth, bless us, as we gather for worship, with the power of your Holy Spirit. Reveal your presence in our midst and open our hearts and minds to receive your miraculous love. Strengthen our faith this day, that we may go forth as witnesses of your miraculous love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

No. 366

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Clay Dusek

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Acts 3, Psalm 4*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Answer us, O God, as we turn to you for mercy and strength. Listen to the yearnings of our hearts and the regrets of our lives. Comfort us in our distress and pour your grace into our lives. Redeem us with your love, that we might rise with Christ, newborn and vibrantly alive. Grant us the confidence to witness to your life-giving love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Acts 3, Psalm 4*

One: God fills our hearts with joy and covers our lives with grace. Rest in the truth and be at peace. All is well and all will be well.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 4, Psalm 23*

One: As God leads us beside still waters of grace, Christ invites us to offer these still waters of grace and peace to one another, that all may know the peace of God. 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.
O, how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could
He give?
O, how He loves you;
O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go,
His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope
from despair:
O, how He loves you;
O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me

SCRIPTURE READING[Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7](#)

Michele Cold

SERMON

“Instruments of God”

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

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN***Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*
ST. CATHERINE

No. 703

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**POSTLUDE***Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*
ST. CATHERINE

Setting by Charles Callahan

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.

Christian Education is looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School! The theme is Music for the Soul and will run June 17-21. Instrumentalists and volunteers can sign up in the church office. Contact Emilee with any questions: e.oliva@avonlakepc.org

Family Sunday will take place after church on April 28. Families with children are invited to gather in Hart Hall for crafts, snacks, and fellowship.

Lorain Cooperative Ministry (LCM) is having an online destination package raffle through May 5, 2024. Options are a Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Family Membership, Island Adventure from Miller Boat Line, four tickets to Great Lakes Science Center, two season passes for Rockin’ on the River, and two local artist gift baskets. The art baskets will include two quilts from ALPC’s Kathy Leopold, handmade cards from ALPC’s Kathy Navarro, and much more! Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Visit www.loraincoopministry.com to purchase. Any questions, see Kathy Hamilton or Kathy Navarro.

The Chosen: Small Group Study is starting back up today! Meet in the church library every Sunday at 11:45 a.m. This week we will be covering “Lesson 4: You Have Changed Course.”

Senior Recognition and graduation season are quickly approaching! Submit a photo and brief bio of your graduate to alpresby@avonlakepc.org by **Monday, April 29**.

Don't forget... Saints Alive articles are due April 21. Please make sure your committee submits an article!

Youth Group will be meeting Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. Teens ages 13+ are invited to come socialize in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Come meet our new Youth Group Leader, Thomas Palisin.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Session will meet at 7:00 p.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.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Circle of Hope will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the pastor's office. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.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. Yoga will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** All Music Sunday! Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Youth Group will meet at 6:00 p.m. Saints Alive articles are due.
- Birthdays:** Jenny Doran, *today!* Michele Cold, 4/19; Skip Albrecht, 4/20

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 Spenzer'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 Peel and Charlie & Debbie Swartz**.

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

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

Gail Kucharson, who is recovering from a fractured pelvis.

Barb & Cathy Graves and family as they come to terms with the sudden death of their loved one, Anne Roberson.

Bill Gantz, who has pneumonia.

Volunteers Today

Greeters

Worship Assistant

Ushers

Sound Board

Projections

Sunday School

Skip & Nancy Albrecht

Michele Cold

Alan & JoAnn Wainscott

Paul Butrey

Elizabeth Shoemaker

Susan Reighard

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