

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 12, 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

Setting by Paul Bouman

PRELUDE

Dream from Ten Piece for Clarinet and Piano, Op. 37, No. 3 Louis Moyse

Gail Carter, clarinet | Ed Carter, piano

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 *Psalm 47, Ephesians 1*

One: Clap your hands and sing for joy!

All: Christ is in our midst and in our lives.

One: Clap your hands and sing for joy!

All: Christ calls us to worship and praise.

One: Let us worship together.

OPENING PRAYER *Acts 1, Luke 24, John 17*

All: Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship. Help us recognize and celebrate your presence. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may answer the call to be your disciples and bring your message of love to the world. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

No. 260

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Matt Wendling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Acts 1, Ephesians 1, Luke 24, John 17*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Great and glorious God, we are tired of thinking small. When we look for you in all the wrong places, remind us that your Spirit resides within. When we shy away and regret, help us sense the fullness of your grace. Lift our eyes to your glorious presence in our midst, that we may reflect your glory and grace for all to see. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Ephesians 1, John 17*

One: In Christ's love, we are loved. In Christ's glory, we are glorified. In Christ's grace, we are saved. Amen.

ANTHEM*Walking in the Spirit*

Mark Hayes

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 23, 1 John 3*

One: May the peace of Christ make you ready for love to flow around and through you. May you boldly share his love as you pass the peace of Christ with one another this day. 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 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

Shawn Brunner

SERMON

"Waiting for the Spirit"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER*CELEBRATION OF 2024 GRADUATES*****CLOSING HYMN***I Love to Tell the Story*
HANKEY

No. 462

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***I Love to Tell the Story*
HANKEY

Setting by David Schack

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.

Updated directories are available now in the church office.

We have a winner! The Reichlins won the Rockin’ on the River prize basket from LCM (Lorain Cooperative Ministries). Thank you to everyone that donated items and/or purchased raffle tickets for this successful event.

I love a parade! Sign up in the narthex to participate in the Memorial Day parade on May 27.

The flowers on the communion table are given by Lee Lohr in memory of her mother, Sophia, and in honor of all mothers.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the moms, grandmas, and motherly figures at ALPC!

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The CE Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. 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. The Chosen small group study will meet to discuss Lesson 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.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.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Deacons' Tailgate Party will begin following worship. Crushers baseball game begins at 2:05 p.m. Youth Group will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Birthdays:** Marian Conn, 5/13; Lynn Bondurant, 5/16; Kathy Leopold, 5/18; Nancy Baldwin, 5/19

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**; **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; 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.

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

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Ushers
Sound Board
Projections
Children's Sermon
Sunday School

Barbara Lehmkuhl, Barb Hall
Shawn Brunner
Deb & Ken Reichlin
Gary Uhl
Elizabeth Shoemaker
Matt Wendling
Emilee Oliva

AVON LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

MADELINE WAGGONER



Madeline will graduate summa cum laude from Avon Lake High School and will attend Kent State University in the fall majoring in Anthropology/Archaeology. Madeline loves music and participated in both the band and choir programs all four years, playing piano in jazz band, bassoon in Symphonic Band, serving as Field Commander of the Marching Band her junior and senior years, singing in Chorale and serving as choir president, and performing as a Merple. Madeline also greatly enjoyed her time competing with the Varsity Academic Challenge Team, participating in the WEOL radio Scholastic Games and WEWS Channel 5 television show. For the past three summers Madeline has worked as a Greenbox attendant and Parks and Recreation employee for the City of Avon Lake. Madeline enjoyed growing up in Avon Lake Presbyterian Church and is grateful for the many fond memories made here.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2024

NATALIE WAGGONER



Natalie graduated magna cum laude from the Honors College at Kent State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communication Design. During her time on campus, Natalie was active with the campus magazine, A Magazine, as a model and graphic designer. Her time at Kent also included internships with BioThane in North Ridgeville and with the Lake Erie Crushers baseball organization in Avon. Natalie hopes to apply her graphic design skills to a job in the fashion industry.

AVON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

JAY KNEISS



Jay will be the valedictorian of his school. He has enjoyed being a varsity singles tennis player in addition to playing guitar in Jazz and AEO. Jay is also a national merit finalist with a love for physics and concerts. He will attend the University of Rochester in the Fall for Physics & Astronomy.

AVON LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

COLE ROBERTS



Cole has loved being a part of Shoremen Baseball over the past four years, playing left field for Varsity during his Junior & Senior years as well as coaching in the Avon Lake Summer Classic three years in a row. He has also enjoyed being a part of Young Life. Cole plans to attend Ohio University in the fall in pursuit of a degree in Business while minoring in Journalism.

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