

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*



THANKS GIVING  
**WISDOM**  
AUGUST 18, 2024

*Thirteenth 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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
DIX

Setting by Barry L. Boss

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Conrad Kocher  
Arr. Mark Hayes

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*  
UNSER HERRSCHER

Setting by Richard Hillert

## CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*The Family of God*  
FAMILY OF GOD

William J. Gaither

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 *1 Kings 2, Ephesians 5*

One: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

**All: God's wisdom calls us here.**

One: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

**All: Christ's love shows us the way.**

One: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

**All: the Spirit's presence gathers us together.**OPENING PRAYER *1 Kings 2*

**All: God of steadfast love, you granted Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*  
UNSER HERRSCHER

No. 403

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Ephesians 5, John 6*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All:** Source of wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *John 6*

One: Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering new life in Christ.

**ANTHEM**

*Glorify Him Medley*

Arr. Tom Fettke

*My Tribute*

Andrae Crouch

*Bless His Holy Name*

Andrae Crouch

*A Perfect Heart*

Reba Rambo/Dony McGuire

Jan Mackert, alto soloist

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *1 Kings 2, Ephesians 5*

One: As we seek God's wisdom and guidance, let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another this day. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**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**[1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-24; Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

Sherry Spenzer

**SERMON**

"Wisdom"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER****\*CLOSING HYMN***O God in Whom All Life Begins*

NOEL

No. 308

**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***My Tribute*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Andrae Crouch

# 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.

**The ALPC Music Ministry Summer Get-Together** will take place at Barbara Graves’s summer home in Huron on Saturday, August 24 at noon. This is a great opportunity to join us as you consider joining Music Ministry for the 2024-25 season. All are welcome!

**Choir rehearsals** will begin Wednesday, August 28. As always, Handbell Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m. The choirs will begin leading us in worship for the 2024-25 season on Rally Day Sunday, September 8.

**A send-off party for Pastor Rick and Mary** will be held August 25 following worship. Please join us in celebrating their time at ALPC!

**The Property Committee will hold the annual Clean-Up Day** today after worship. Please help if you are able! We will be washing windows, trimming bushes, and weeding.

**Bible Reading & Discussion Group** will start back up Wednesday, September 11 at noon in the Pastor’s office. Focus will be on Exodus.

**Please sign the card** on the narthex table for our dear friend Karen Francy.

**Saints Alive articles** are due August 25!

## *Please keep in your prayers this week...*

**Karen Francy** who suffered an aneurysm.

**Beth Swartz** who tripped and sustained a broken bone in her foot.

**Gary Uhl** who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

**Linda Kurak** as she lives through the effects of Parkinson's disease.

**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 Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:30 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:** 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:** The Order of St. Luke will meet in the morning.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by Pastor Rick's send-off party.
- Birthdays:** Anthony Doran, 8/19; Tim Strauch, 8/20; Sharon Smucker, 8/24

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pastor**

**Rick Stein**

**Director of Music**

**Rick Fortney**

Greeters

Nancy Baldwin, Carolyn Beeler

Worship Assistant

Sherry Spenser

Ushers

Anita Cheriyan, Lee Lohr

Sound Board

Paul Butrey

Projections

Beth Shoemaker

Hymn Ensemble

Jackie Day, Marcy Uhl, Sarah Waggoner, Jan Mackert,  
Beth Shoemaker, David Brunner, Doug Day, Ed Homer

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