

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love



Reverend Kurt Walker
April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter

What is a Real Disciple?

*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*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

Setting by Wilbur Held

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Setting by Austin C. Lovelace

PRELUDE*O, How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser

Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME**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 22*

One: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

All: My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.

One: All the ends of the Earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**All: And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.
 Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

All: Ruler of nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and chasten. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

OPENING HYMNCalled as Partners in Christ's Service*

No. 761

BEECHER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Joshua Bowyer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: God of forgiveness, grant us your favor as we make our confession. You call us to excellence; we fall short of your confidence in us. You grant to us grace; we abuse your gift. You expect our decisions to match your desires, our love to be genuine in obeying your will. Yet we trust our appetites rather than rely on your goodness. We look to our comfort rather than to our neighbor's need. In Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Paul assures us of God's reconciling graciousness when he writes, "You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." In Christ we may dwell in the richness of God's favor, and may rest assured in the fullness of God's redeeming forgiveness.

ANTHEM*Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*17th Century English Tune

Arr. K. Lee Scott

Muriel Homer, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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. Jesus to Calvary did go,
O, how He loves you and me; His love for mankind to show;
He gave His life, what more could He What He did there brought hope from
give? despair:
O, how He loves you; O, how He loves you;
O, how He loves me; O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me! O, how He loves you and me

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Sarah Waggoner

SERMON

"What is a Real Disciple?"

Rev. Kurt Walker

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN***Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

No. 547

AR HYD Y NOS

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*God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven*

AR HYD Y NOS

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.

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

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**. Senior Recognition will be May 12.

Spring Clean-Up Day will be Sunday, May 5. Meet in Hart Hall immediately following worship. Deacon Dogs will be served to all who help spruce up the church grounds.

Clothing Drive: The Mission Committee is excited to announce a drive-up, drop-off clothing drive benefiting LCM. Gently used, clean clothing for all ages, sizes, and genders will be accepted on May 5 in the Avon Lake Presbyterian parking lot.

Join us for a day at the ballpark! There’s still time to get tickets for the May 19 Lake Erie Crushers game. Tickets are \$13 per person. Order forms are available on the narthex table; submit your order by May 2.

The Chosen: Small Group Study meets in the church library every Sunday at 11:45 a.m. This week we will be covering “Lessons 5: You are a Witness” and “Lesson 6: You are made new.”

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

Welcome, Reverend Walker!

The Rev. Kurt Dean Walker currently services in a validated ministry as Director of Spiritual Care at Wesleyan Village, a Life Plan Community located in Elyria. He has previously served as a chaplain at Breckenridge Village in Willoughby and in two Acute Care Hospitals located in Southern Indiana. His calls to serve congregations have included an interim ministry at East Side Presbyterian Church in Ashtabula, an interim ministry in Indiana, and as installed pastor to congregations in Iowa and Wisconsin. He has served the Presbytery of Western Reserve as past Moderator of COM and was the Teaching Elder Commissioner for the Presbytery at the 2022 General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. Kurt earned his MDiv from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in 2005 by the Western Kentucky Presbytery. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Child Development and Family Living from Western Kentucky University. He concluded a Chaplain Residency in 2014 earning four units of Clinical Pastoral Education. He likes to read, golf, garden, and is a licensed private pilot. Kurt lives in Amherst with his wife, Rev. Jennifer Walker Noyes, his son, Isaac and two cats.

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. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. 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. Spring Clean-up will begin after worship. Drive-up clothing drive will take place in the church parking lot 11:30-1:00 p.m.
- Birthdays:** Aimee Cockburn, *today!* Mary Stein, 4/29; Amelia Waggoner, 5/1; Henry Swartz, 5/5

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 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.

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.

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
Children's Sermon
Ushers
Sound Board
Projections
Sunday School

Darlana Gallant, Jagger Dahl
Sarah Waggoner
Joshua Bowyer
Mike & Cheryl Dean
Gary Uhl
Elizabeth Shoemaker
Terry Vine

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