

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

THE POWER OF LOVE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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

O Jesus, I have Promised

Setting by Gerhard Krapf

ANGEL'S STORY

CHORAL PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Hugo Distler

LOBE DEN HERREN

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 98*

One: Sing to our God a new song,

All: for God has done wondrous things.

One: The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

All: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

One: These gifts are not for us alone,

All: they are for one and all.

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Break forth into songs of praise.

One: Let all creation praise the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER *Acts 10, John 15*

All: God of love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us – into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us – in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 724

ANGEL'S STORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Acts 10, Psalm 98, 1 John 5*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Oh God, you are bigger than the world, bigger than our fears, bigger even than our folly. We are grateful for the immensity of your love, even when it sometimes scares us. When the immensity of your love frightens us, we long to return to you in hope. When we want to make you smaller – small enough that we can hold you – help us to see beyond our narrow vision. Remind us again, O God, that you will always find us and hold us, for your heart is big enough to hold the whole world, including us. Teach us once more that we will always grow when we love others as we love you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Acts 10, Psalm 98, 1 John 5*

One: The God of mercy speaks every language. When we open our ears, we hear and receive God's grace. Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed, we have only to remember these truths. God's love is the greatest power of all. God's mercy is there for every one of us. God's grace is present every moment of our lives. Amen.

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Muriel Homer, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *John 15*

One: As God has loved us, so shall we love each other. As Christ has called us friends, so we have become friends to one another. Let us abide in God's love together now, sharing both friendship and peace. 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[1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17](#)

John Weeden

SERMON

"The Power of Love"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER*COMMUNION**

All who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's table. Please hold the bread until all have been served and partake as directed by the Pastor. Likewise, please hold the cup until all have been served and partake as directed. Please note that ALL bread is gluten-free and the cup is filled with juice.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**Words of Institution****Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ****Prayer of Communion****COMMUNION MUSIC**

What Wondrous Love is This
 WONDROUS LOVE

Setting by John Folkening

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
 ST. AGNES

Setting by Sam Batt Owens

***CLOSING HYMN**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

No. 629

ST. AGNES

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Setting by Herbert Gotsch

CONVERSE

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 Chosen: Small Group Study postponed until further notice.

Updated directories are available now in the church office.

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

Volunteers Today

Greeters	Jim & Pat Hough
Worship Assistant	John Weeden
Ushers	John & Margre Lind Mills
Communion Servers	Carol Nussle, Nancy Baldwin, Jim Hough, Lee Lohr
Sound Board	Paul Butrey
Projections	Elizabeth Shoemaker
Sunday School	Susan Reighard

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. The Property Committee 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.
- 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. in Hart Hall.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday:** Fix-It Saturday begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship with Graduate Recognition begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Henry Swartz, *today!* Alan Wainscott, 5/6; Dave St. George, 5/10

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: Joyce Bihary's daughter, **Brenda**; 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; 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 must have his leg amputated.

Linda Huff, an acquaintance of Gary and Marcy Uhl, who passed away suddenly April 29.

John & Margre Lind Mills' niece, **Megan**, and her twins William and Benjamin. The boys made a safe arrival last week!

Fred & Sharon Call, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 3. May God continue to bless their love!

Chancel Choir

Dave Brunner	Joan Wojcicki Fortney	Ed Homer	Sharon Pervo
Doug Day	Deb Gantz	Sue Mabe	Susan Richardson
Jackie Day	Barbara Graves	Jan Mackert	Marcy Uhl
Clayton Dusek	Cathy Graves	Makayla McAfee	Sarah Waggoner
Tammy Dusek	Jeff Hansen	Bob Palisin	

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