

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

The Family of God



"THE UNSEEN"

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 9, 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

Lowell Mason
Setting by Theodore Beck

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

Lowell Mason
Arr. Gary Lanier

Cathy Graves, flute | Barbara Graves, piano

*“Through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”
Ephesians 3:12*

WELCOME

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 Samuel 8, Mark 3*

One: In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

All: Here we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.

One: In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

All: Here we will follow One whose steadfast love endures forever.

One: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

All: Thanks be to God.OPENING PRAYER *1 Samuel 8, Psalm 138, Mark 3*

All: Sovereign God, come to us when we lose our way. For we need you to be our King – to lead us on right paths, teach us the ways of life and death, and shelter us from our foes. We need you to be our comforter – to love us as a father, nurture us as a mother, shelter us as a brother, and assure us as a sister. Welcome us into the arms of your mercy, O God, and we will be your people, even as you are our God and King. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

No. 829

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *1 Samuel 8, 2 Corinthians 4, Mark 3*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Caring Father, in the midst of our brokenness, knit us together as your family. Loving Mother, in the midst of our woundedness, seal us in your heart as sisters and brothers. Gentle Spirit, swing wide the doors of our church, that all may find within these walls a place where your will is done and holy relationships are nurtured. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Mark 3:34*

One: Christ says to us: "Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." As a family of God, we are loved and cherished by our gracious God.

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Light

Frances Allisen

David Graves, bass | Doug Day, piano

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"
Psalm 27:1*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Mark 3*

One: As the family of God, let us share signs of familial love as we pass the peace of Christ. 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**[2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1](#); [Mark 3:20-35](#)

Doug Day

SERMON

"The Unseen"

Pastor Rick Stein

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN***To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

No. 634

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

To God Be the Glory

William Doane

Arr. John A. Dempsey

In the setting of Scott Joplin's *Bethena*

Cathy Graves, flute | Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Barbara Graves, piano

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Psalm 126:3

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.

Living Successfully with Alzheimer’s as presented by Sally Ollerton for Carolyn L. Ferrell Foundation will take place today at 1:30 p.m. in the ALPC sanctuary. All are invited to attend and learn at this free presentation.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: **Gary Uhl**; Joyce Bihary’s daughter, **Brenda**; Sherry & Jeff Spenser’s co-grandparent, **Lynne**; **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**.

Tim Kurak, who is recovering from surgery and an unrelated, minor heart attack. And, **Linda Kurak**, as she lives through the effects of Parkinson’s disease.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone Preschool will host summer camp all through the end of the week.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 9:30 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:** 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. COTS will meet in Hart Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Isabel Brunner, *today!* Brie Horvath, 6/10; Carol Unger, 6/10; Rev. Malcolm Peel, 6/12; Sue Mabe, 6/13; Daniel St. George, 6/13; Mary Lou Chapman, 6/14; Mike Wiedl, 6/15

Church Leaders and Volunteers

Pastor	Rick Stein
Director of Music	Rick Fortney
Greeters	Tammy & Clay Dusek
Worship Assistant	Doug Day
Ushers	Sandee Seib, Sue Mabe
Sound Board	Mike Richardson
Projections	AmyLynn Kaspar
Sunday School	Sybil Wendling
Hymn Ensemble	Jackie Day, Barb Graves, Cathy Graves, Joan Wojcicki Fortney, Marcy Uhl, David Brunner, Doug Day, Ed Homer, David Graves

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