

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for New Beginnings

*They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:23

*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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Hear the Good News of Salvation
NETTLETON

Setting by Austin C. Lovelace

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Praise the Name of Jesus
FAMILY OF GOD

Roy Hicks, Jr.

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress, He's my deliverer
In Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!
CORONATION

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalms 19*

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making the wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

All: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer.**

OPENING PRAYER

All: O God of glory, you bless the poor in spirit with the richness of your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty you satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of your splendor, and those who make peace you call your own. We join with the merciful, who throughout the ages have lived by your graciousness and worshiped your name.

OPENING HYMNHear the Good News of Salvation*

No. 441

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we love our neighbors, but we still make distinctions. We favor the rich and discount the poor. We say we have faith but our works do not show it; we preach Jesus Christ while we send the hungry away. While our lips praise you, our hands cast off strangers. We are not worthy to ask your forgiveness except for the name of Christ, who pardoned us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Hebrews 10:19, 21-22*

One: Remember the words of Scripture, where it says, “Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus... and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ANTHEM*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Allen Pote

Muriel Homer, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*Awesome Power*

John G. Elliott

Awesome power, boundless grace;
None can fathom all Your ways,
Truth and love are found in Your heart alone;
Righteousness surrounds Your throne.
Holy, holy, holy Lord most high;
Holy, holy, holy Lord most high.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE*Thank You, Lord!*

Dennis L. Jernigan

For all that You've done, I will thank You,
 For all that You're going to do.
 For all that You've promised, and all that
 You are
 Is all that has carried me through,
 Jesus, I thank you!

And I thank You, thank You, Lord.
 Thank You, thank You, Lord.
 Thank you for loving and setting me free,
 Thank you for giving Your life just for me.
 How I thank You, Jesus, I thank You,
 Grateful thank You. Thank You.

SCRIPTURE READING[Proverbs 1:20-33](#); [James 3:1-12](#); [Mark 8:27-38](#)

Mark Otterson

SERMON

"Accentuate the Positive!"

Rev. Kurt Walker

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN**

Help Us Accept Each Other
 BARONITA

No. 754

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*Now Unto Him*

David Morris

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling,
 And to make you stand in His presence
 Blameless and with great joy,
 To the only God, our Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 Be the glory and the majesty, dominion and authority,
 Both now and ever; Amen!

POSTLUDE*Bachaina*

Gordon Young

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.

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.

All Saints Day will be Sunday, November 3. If you would like to have a loved one included in the slideshow, please send a photo along with name and relationship to Kenzi at alpresby@avonlakepc.org by October 13.

Saints Alive articles for the October issue are due September 22. Please send articles to Kenzi at alpresby@avonlakepc.org. If your committee will not be submitting an article, please let Kenzi know. Anything received after September 22 will not be included in Saints Alive.

The Chosen: Volume 2 with Beth Shoemaker will be read today after service in the Church library.

Letters to John with Lee Lohr starts September 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Session room.

Revival Youth Group meets Sunday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. Kids and teens in grades 5-12 are invited to join us at a small gathering around a fire. Food will be available as part of the Meet & Greet as we get to know one another!

Please join us for a Meet & Greet with Rev. Dr. Kristian Bendoraitis and his family on Saturday, September 21 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the church narthex. Kristian is the pastoral candidate who will be preaching on September 22.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is presenting a candidate to preach at ALPC on Sunday, September 22. A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service, at which a vote will be taken on whether to extend a call to this candidate. Please attend the service and be present at this important meeting so your vote on our new pastor is counted.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Karen Francy who is making progress in her recovery from an aneurysm but still has a long way to go.

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

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

Noel Peel and **Charlie & Debbie Swartz** who need continued healing.

Pattie Nussle who left on a mission trip to Mawali, Africa, with the Marion Medical Mission team.

They work to provide safe drinking water by completing wells for the villagers. Otherwise, the people have only the use of the river for all their daily needs. Malawi is the poorest country in Africa.

Jen Lombardozzi who has incurable Metastatic breast cancer.

This Week at the Church

Monday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Session meets at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Yarn Ministry meets at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex.

Wednesday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Circle of Hope meets at 10:00 a.m. in the pastor's office. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: Yoga begins at 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: Fix-It Day will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday: Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. immediately followed by a congregational meeting.

Birthdays: Clay Dusek, 9/19; Pam Novak, 9/19; Mike Dean, 9/23

Church Leaders and Volunteers

Pulpit Fill

Director of Music

Greeters

Worship Assistant

Soundroom

Projections

Ushers

Reverend Kurt Walker

Rick Fortney

Lee Lohr

Mark Otterson

Gary Uhl

Elizabeth Shoemaker, AmyLynn Kaspar

Carol Nussle, Sherry Spenzer

Chancel Choir

Jackie Day

Tammy Dusek

Cathy Graves

Sue Mabe

Makayla McAfee

Susan Richardson

Marcy Uhl

Sarah Waggoner

Gail Carter

Joan Wojcicki

Fortney

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