

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

A God of Renewal

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' "

JOHN 12:28



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
ANGEL'S STORY

Setting by Gerhard Krapf

Jesus Calls Us
GALILEE

Setting by Herbert Gotsch

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lowell Mason
Arr. Gary Lanier

Gail Carter, flute / Ed Carter, piano

WELCOME

INTROIT

Think of Me and Remember

Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 51*

One: Are you feeling tired and worn out?

All: Call on the name of the Lord.

One: Are mistakes from the past weighing you down?

All: Come to the fount of living water.

One: Are you the person you wish to be?

All: Seek God's help and it shall be granted.

One: Are you looking for a better path?

All: Ask Christ to show you the way.

One: Come! Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER *John 12:24 CEB*

All: Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find rest in you. When we live in fear of our mortality, help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of Christ's words on our hearts: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, draw us together with all your people. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us
GALILEE

No. 720

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Jeremiah 31, Psalm 51*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Engraver of the human heart, we long for your law of love to burst forth with every beat of our hearts. Work within us this day, that the majesty of your love may shine through us in everything we say and do. Put a new and right spirit within us, O Lord, that we may leave our failings behind and embrace the glory of your salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Jeremiah 31, Psalm 51*

One: The One who engraves our hearts is faithful, remembering our sins no more. You are loved and accepted, for it is written within by our gracious God.

ANTHEM

To Love Our God
Doug Day, piano

Mark Hayes

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Jeremiah 31, Psalm 51*

One: With clean hearts and renewed spirits, let us rejoice in the law of love written on our hearts. Let us share the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema
Arr. Joel Raney

LORD'S PRAYER**PRAYER RESPONSE**

I Surrender All

Winfield S. Weeden
Arr. Joel Raney

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
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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.

This year’s Easter offering will go to the Lunch Bunch/Mission outreach fund. Our donations help provide 75 Brown Bag Lunches and a Family-Style Dinner for Haven Center each month. These funds support a variety of other local mission projects supervised by The Lorain Cooperative Ministries. We also sponsor groups that provide food pantries like CRS, The Front Door, First Lutheran Church, and The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. In 2024, we hope to be able to host lunches for our church family. Mark your offering “Easter Mission.” Questions may be directed to Beth Janis, Sue Mabe, or Kathy Hamilton.

A new office door lock will be installed soon. This will be a coded system. Code request forms are available on the narthex table.

TrueNorth Cultural Arts will hold an Easter concert next Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Circle of Hope will meet Wednesday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the pastor’s office. Join us!

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt! Next Sunday following worship, the CE Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.

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. Yarn Ministry will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Circle of Hope will meet 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:** Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. The Love & Respect class will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the coffeehouse lobby. Yoga will begin 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.
- Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday worship begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00. TrueNorth Cultural Arts will hold a concert in the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. Saints Alive articles are due **today**.
- Birthdays:** Cris T. and Alex W., *today!* AmyLynn K., 3/18; Bill H. 3/19; Andrew B., 3/20; Carter K., 3/20; Kristen W. 3/21; Barb H., 3/22; Terry V., 3/23

Please keep in your prayers this week...

- Beth S.**, who continues with chemotherapy treatments.
- Joe U.**, continued health after completing his treatments.
- Charlie & Debbie S.**, who are both facing health issues.
- George L.**, for continued healing.
- Noel P.**, who seeks spiritual healing.
- Lee L.'s family** in the Ukraine; keep them safe and bring an end to this war.
- Joyce B.'s daughter, **Brenda**, who is receiving cancer treatments.
- Matt & Sybil W.'s nephew, **Tommy**, who has leukemia and recently suffered a stroke.
- Penny H.'s daughter, **Jen L.**, whose cancer has returned and is on a treatment of chemo pills.

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
Beth Shoemaker
Linda Swartz
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Sound Board
Projections
Ushers
Sunday School

Ken & Deb Reichlin
Cris Till
Mike Ciarrone
Craig Shoemaker
Shawn Bruner, Nancy Baldwin
Emilee Oliva

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