

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love



THANKS GIVING

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

AUGUST 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*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*As the Deer*

Arr. Mark Hayes

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis

Arr. Samuel Dushkin

WELCOME**PRELUDE** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us / The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Irish Hymn Melody

BRADBURY / ST. COLUMBIA

Arr. Paul S. Jones

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello

“He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out.”

John 10:3

“I am the Good Shepherd... I lay down My life for the sheep.”

John 10:14-15

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT*The Family of God*

William J. Gaither

FAMILY OF GOD

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 *Psalm 130*

One: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

All: May those who are grieving find comfort.

One: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

All: May those who are waiting find hope.

One: May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

All: Let us worship the One who gives us life!**OPENING PRAYER** *Ephesians 4, John 6***All: Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King
 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

No. 15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 130, Ephesians 4*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: O Lord, we cry out to you! We cry out for help: when we turn away from you; when we ignore the needs of our neighbors; when we speak harsh words to those around us; when we forget that we are your beloved children. Draw us close and embrace us with your steadfast love and your healing grace. In your merciful name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Psalm 130, John 6*

One: Beloved children of God, the Lord offers wholeness and new life to those who seek it. In the name of Christ, you are one with God! Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANTHEM

Canticle of the Turning
 MAGNIFICAT

Hal Hopson
 Based on *Star of the County Down*
 An Irish Melody

Avon Lake Presbyterian Women's Ensemble: The Presbytunes
 Cathy Graves, flute | Doug Day, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." In the name of Christ, I invite you to share the peace of Christ, the one who brings new life and nourishment to our souls. 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*Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51*

Kathy Navarro

SERMON

"Living in Community"

Pastor Rick Stein

OFFERING/DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN***We Lift Our Voices – We Are An Offering*

No. 710

OFFERING

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

Largo from the Sonata in G minor

Henry Eccles

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S

Arr. Mark Hayes

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35

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 ALPC Music Ministry Summer Get-Together will take place at Barbara Graves’s summer home in Huron on Saturday, August 24 at noon. This is a great opportunity to join us as you consider joining Music Ministry for the 2024-25 season. All are welcome!

Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 28. As always, Handbell Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m. The choirs will begin leading us in worship for the 2024-25 season on Rally Day Sunday, September 8.

A send-off party for Pastor Rick and Mary will be held August 25 following worship. Please join us in celebrating their time at ALPC!

The Property Committee will hold the annual Clean-Up Day on August 18 after worship. Please pack a lunch; beverages will be provided.

Bible Reading & Discussion Group will start back up Wednesday, September 11 at noon in the Pastor’s office. Focus will be on Exodus.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Gary Uhl who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

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

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

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
Wednesday: Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday: PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. Yoga begins 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.
Birthdays: Jackie Bowyer, 8/12; Kay Bondurant, 8/13; Sandra Seib, 8/13; David Joyce, 8/14; Jeff Kucharson, 8/17

Church Leaders and Volunteers

Pastor

Rick Stein

Director of Music

Rick Fortney

Greeters

Fred & Sharon Call

Worship Assistant

Kathy Navarro

Ushers

Paul & Jackie Butrey

Sound Board

Gary Uhl

Projections

AmyLynn Kaspar

ALPC Women's Ensemble

Jan Mackert, Marcy Uhl, Sue Mabe, Jackie Day, Cathy Graves,
Beth Shoemaker, Sarah Waggoner, Joan Wojcicki Fortney

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