

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

January 21, 2024

Be Grounded in God

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'"

Mark 1:17

JANUARY 21, 2023

Hearing assistance available: FM receivers & 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.

PRELUDE

Grateful
Sweet Hour of Prayer

Mark Hayes
William Bradbury
Arr. Mark Hayes

Doug Day, piano

WELCOME

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord
PREPARE THE WAY

No. 95

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 62, Jonah 3, Mark 1*

One: Gathered in worship with silence and sound,

All: we wait upon God's grace.

One: Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,

All: we anticipate the time we face.

OPENING PRAYER *Psalm 62, Jonah 3, Mark 1*

All: God of unifying grace, we come distracted by the world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us to follow you once more. Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us
GALILEE

No. 720

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lynn Bondurant

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Jonah 3, Mark 1*

Let us take a moment for personal reflection.

All: Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world. You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood. You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted. Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant. We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life. We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will. May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Jonah 3, Mark 1*

One: Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives. Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are. Hear these words: You are forgiven.**

ANTHEM*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Allen Pote

Doug Day, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Mark 1*

One: Jesus came to us, proclaim the good news. He challenges us to acknowledge our wandering heart and to remember that we are loved. As children, forgiven by grace, let us take time now to extend peace to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 286

TRENTHAM

Verses 1, 2, 5

LORD'S PRAYER**PRAYER RESPONSE***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 286

TRENTHAM

Verses 3 and 4

SCRIPTURE READING[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#); [Mark 1:14-20](#)

Mark Otterson

SERMON

"Be Grounded in God"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER**CLOSING HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me – The Summons*

No. 726

KELVINGROVE

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

No. 829

OLIVET

Verse 2

POSTLUDE

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

GALILEE

Setting by
Herbert Gotsch

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.

The 2023 Annual Report is in the works. Please email your information to Kenzi at alpresby@avonlakepc.org by January 21, 2023.

Ornaments from the Family and Angel Trees may be picked up from the narthex table. Thank you so much to all who contributed!

Guatemala Mission Trip: There are 2-3 openings for our upcoming trip April 6-15. If you are interested, please reach out to Kathy L.

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Beth S., who is doing well throughout her chemotherapy. **Joe U.**, who will be undergoing further treatment for his cancer.

Cathy G., who recently had abdominal surgery and is now having unrelated complications and is in the hospital.

Charlie & Debbie S., who are both facing health issues.

George L., for continued healing.

Noel P., who seeks spiritual healing.

Joy H., who is now home and recovering well after her surgery.

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 suffered a stroke this past week.

Penny H.'s daughter, **Jen L.**, whose cancer has returned and is once again receiving radiation.

Jan M.'s daughter, **Jessie**, is doing well after serious health issues.

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. Men's Lunch Group will meet at noon. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. via 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: Bible Study will begin at noon in the Pastor's office. Yoga will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the narthex.

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

Next Sunday: Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee will be cooking for Haven Center after worship. Saints Alive articles are due.

Birthdays: Tom C., *today!* Bill M., 1/23; Jack S., 1/25; Deanna D., 1/25; Michele M., 1/25

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
Children's Sermon
Sunday School Teacher

Jim & Pat Hough
Mark Otterson
Gary Uhl
AmyLynn Kaspar
Bill & Kathy Hamilton
Lynn Bondurant
Sybil Wendling

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