

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

HAVE  
SALT  
IN YOURSELVES

Mark 9:42-50



*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***The Summons*Scottish Traditional  
Arr. Mark Hayes*Holy Ground*Geron Davis  
Arr. Mark Hayes**PRELUDE***How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

Stuart K. Hines  
Arr. Gary Lanier**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT***Praise the Name of Jesus*

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** *James 5*

One: Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

**All: The prayer of faith will save the sick and whoever has committed sins will be forgiven.**

One: Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

**All: Your love for us is overwhelming.**

One: God, your faithfulness to us draws us close.

**All: Let us celebrate your love for us.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All: You do not tarry, O God of all goodness, to show us your favor. You hasten to hear us whenever we call. Bathed in the brightness of your radiant love for us, we can see clearly your care for creation. Through Christ, now open our eyes to the splendor of your redeeming judgment; by the Spirit continue to lead us to behold your dazzling grace. We worship you – God, Christ, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity forevermore.**

**\*OPENING HYMN***Will You Come and Follow Me – The Summons*

No. 726

KELVINGROVE

**COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS****Sentences of Scripture**

One: As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

**Call to Discipleship**

One: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

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**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

One: Do you, members of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to Sybil, Terry, and Susan as teachers and caretakers in the service of Jesus Christ?

**All: We do.**

One: Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

**All: We will.**

**Commissioning Prayer****Charge****Blessing****Presentation of Gifts****CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Terry Vine

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All: O God of mercy, you know our lives are but an illusion when we do not dwell in your favor. Our acts are but vapor when we do not obey your will. We boast of our good deeds, and flaunt righteous behavior, but they are conceived in arrogance and born of conceit. Forgive our deception and the damage it causes. By your mercy forgive us, and through Christ make us free.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear again the words of assurance. Christ is “the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from... transgressions.... For Christ... entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.” In Christ we are forgiven.

**ANTHEM**

*Thou Art Holy*

Craig Courtney

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said in John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” The Peace of Christ be with you.

**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.

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**SCRIPTURE READING** [Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#) | [James 5:13-20](#) | [Mark 9:38-50](#) Sandra Seib

**SERMON** “Are You Worth Your Salt?” Rev. Kurt Walker

**\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Come Sing to God – Psalm 30* No. 805  
ELLACOMBE

**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** *Come Sing to God – Psalm 30* Setting by Donald Johns  
ELLACOMBE

# *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.

**Order forms for Cornerstone Preschool’s annual fundraiser** are available on the Narthex table. Orders are due by October 10.

**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](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org) by October 13.

**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 keep in your prayers this week...*

**Karen Francy** who is making progress in her recovery from an aneurysm.

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

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

**Jen Lombardozi** who has Metastatic breast cancer.

**Tim Kurak** who required a heart catheterization following a heart attack.

## *This Week at the Church*

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday:** Letters to John study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Session room. Cornerstone Preschool will have school pictures taken, location TBD, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:45-1:45 p.m. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone Preschool will have school pictures taken, location TBD, 9:10-10:30 a.m. The WSL Committee will be transitioning the church decorations to a fall theme at 10:00 a.m. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** The Mission Committee will meet at 4:15 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. with Guest Pastor Luke Choi. The Chosen study group will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the church library.
- Birthdays:** Russ Beeler, 10/4; Debbie Swartz, 10/8

## *Church Leaders and Volunteers*

**Pulpit Fill**

**Rev. Kurt Walker**

**Director of Music**

**Rick Fortney**

Greeters

Darlana Gallant, Jagger Dahl

Worship Assistant

Sandra Seib

Soundroom

Gary Uhl

Projections

AmyLynn Kaspar

Ushers

Bill & Kathy Hamilton

Soloists & Accompanists

Doug Day, Muriel Homer, Barbara Graves, Cathy Graves

## *Chancel Choir*

Jackie Day  
Tammy Dusek  
Cathy Graves  
Sue Mabe  
Makayla McAfee  
Susan Richardson  
Marcy Uhl

Sarah Waggoner  
Gail Carter  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney  
Deb Gantz  
Barb Graves  
Jan Mackert  
Sharon Pervo  
Beth Shoemaker

Dave Brunner  
Clay Dusek  
Jeff Hansen  
Doug Day  
Mike Dean  
Ed Homer  
Bob Palisin

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