

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Sermon: Humbleness and Triumph

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!"

PSALM 118:1

*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.*

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Setting by
Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

WELCOME

INTROIT

Think of Me and Remember

Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mark 11, Psalm 118*

One: In joy, we gather this day.

All: Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.

One: In joy, we gather this day.

All: Hosanna to the son of David.

One: In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray.

All: Hosanna to the Son of God.OPENING PRAYER *Mark 11, Mark 14-15***All: Jesus, you have walked this road with us many times. Guide our steps and keep us close. Inspire our worship with your loving presence and work in our lives, that your Spirit may flow through our lives as we seek to help others walk the journey with you. Amen.*****OPENING HYMN** with procession of Palms*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

No. 196

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Matt Wendling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 31, Philippians 2**Let us take a moment for personal reflection.***All: Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer. Uncover the masks that obscure our vision and keep us from facing our true selves. Hold us close in our weakness, that we may find the courage to lean on your grace and rest in your forgiveness. Bless us with humility, love, and mercy, that we may be merciful, humble, and loving to everyone we meet, even ourselves. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Jeremiah 31, Psalm 51*

One: God's face of love shines upon us. Christ's eyes of forgiveness gaze upon our souls with mercy and compassion. The Spirit's sustenance offers us grace and hope, that we may rise and walk forth in joy.

ANTHEM*Open the Gates of Jerusalem*

Joel Raney

Blessed Are They

Joel Raney

Muriel Homer, piano

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Psalm 31, Mark 14-15*

One: Be the face of love for your neighbor. Share smiles of compassion and words of peace as we greet one another this day. 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. Weedon
Arr. Joel Raney

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

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I surrender all.

SCRIPTURE READING [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11](#)

Terry Vine

SERMON

"Humbleness and Triumph"

Pastor Rick Stein

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

No. 606

OFFERTORY PRAYER*COMMISSIONING OF GUATEMALA MISSION WORKERS*****CLOSING HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

No. 197

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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lowell Mason
Setting by Gilbert M. Martin

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

Setting by Donald Busarow

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.

TrueNorth Cultural Arts will hold an Easter concert today at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt today after worship!

Don Arnold, longtime member of Avon Lake Presbyterian, passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 15. He and his family enjoyed the spiritual blessings of ALPC for the past 44 years. There will be no services in Avon Lake. A card for the family is available for signatures on the narthex table.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** The church staff will meet at 10:00 a.m. Men's Lunch Group will meet at noon. Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Handbell Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.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. The PNC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Session room. Maundy Thursday worship service begins at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30 a.m. Good Friday worship service begins at noon.
- Next Sunday:** Easter sunrise worship service will meet at 6:45 a.m. on North Point Drive. Deacons will host a pancake breakfast in Hart Hall at 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Birthdays:** Joe Cockburn, 2/25; Gail Kucharson, 3/25; Natalie Waggoner, 3/27

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who have been affected by cancer: **Brenda, Betsy, Lynne, Beth, Jen, George, Carolyn & Russ's daughter-in-law, and Tommy**, who is also dealing with the aftereffects of a stroke.

Continued healing for **Noel, Ashley, Jessie, Charlie, and Debbie**.

Lee Lohr's family in the Ukraine.

Lynn, whose broken arm is healing.

John & Margre's niece, **Morgan**, who is having a difficult pregnancy with twins.

Mark, who is now recovering at home after surgery.

AmyLynn, who is home recovering from a broken arm.

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

Jim & Beth Janis
Terry Vine
Paul Butrey
Craig Shoemaker
Bob & Jill Ralston
Matt Wendling
Sybil Wendling

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