

# Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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“Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love”

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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2020

## “Constructing Contentment in an Uncertain World” Nine week worship series

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Adoration*  
*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Mark Hayes  
Anonymous  
Arr. Mark Hayes

(Doug Day, piano)

### WELCOME

We continue our worship series taken from the book of Philippians on contentment. The focus will be on how we can increase the level of contentment in our lives in this very uncertain time.

**Today:** We will have a virtual coffee hour after worship on Zoom at 11:00 am

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Monday:** Program staff meeting at 10:00 am; Music recording at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary; Session Meeting at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting at 3:00 pm on Zoom.
- **Wednesday:** Cornerstone Pictures will be taken during school; Advent Planning on Zoom at 2:00 pm; Bell Choir will meet at the church at 6:45 pm; Chancel Choir on Zoom at 8:00 pm.
- **Thursday:** Cornerstone Pictures will be taken during school.
- **Friday:** Recording of worship service at 10:00 am.

### OPENING SONG

*Build My Life*  
(Marcy Uhl)

Housefires

I will build my life upon Your love. It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will, I will not be shaken (repeat)

Holy, there is no one like You, There is none beside You. Open up my eyes in wonder.  
Show me who You are and fill me with your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be, I will never be shaken!

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Dear Lord,

**We rejoice in the beauty that is your Spirit. Before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that are true, that are honorable, that are pure. Remind us of those things that are pleasing and commendable, bring to thought those things that are worthy of praise and let us dwell on them. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

### HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” (SLANE)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art

Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE** - "Peace be with you"

## **ANTHEM**

*Praise His Holy Name*  
(ALPC Chancel Choir)

Keith Hampton

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*God is the Master Builder*

God is the master builder. He is building me.  
He builds with stuff that comes from heaven and tools we cannot see.

Tarra Oppewall  
Rob Evans

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYERS**

## **HYMN MEDLEY**

"All Hail, King Jesus" (Dave Moody)

All hail King Jesus All hail Emmanuel  
King of Kings Lord of Lords  
Bright Morning Star And throughout eternity  
I'm going to praise Him, And for evermore I will reign with Him.

"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty" Kelly Willard

Father in heaven how we love you  
We lift your name in all the earth  
May your kingdom be established in our praises,  
As Your people declare your mighty works!  
Blessed be the Lord, God almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
Blessed be the Lord,  
God almighty Who reigns forever more  
Blessed be the Lord, God almighty

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Who reigns forever more  
Who reigns forever more!

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (CORONATION)

No. 263

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!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

SCRIPTURE – Philippians 4:8-9

Bob Ralston

**SERMON** “Constructing Contentment – Thinking on Goodness”

Pastor Charlie Swartz

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Soliloquy*

Gordon Young

**Please keep Billie Pifer**, Marcy Uhl’s mom, in your prayers as she has contracted COVID 19.

**Continued prayers for George Lawson** as he recovers from pneumonia and for Sue Scott as she takes care of him. Send cards to: 388 Avon Point Ave., Avon Lake, OH 44012

**Please keep Susan Reighard in your prayers** as she had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. Cards may be sent to Susan at 565 Wedgewood Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012

**Congratulations to Deb and Bill Gantz** on the birth of their 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild! Heather and Chad Plantz had their baby boy, Maxwell, on November 3.

**Since we will continue to worship at home for a while**, the Worship Committee would like to make our sanctuary bibles and hymnals available for home use. Please call or stop by the church office to pick one or both up; just leave your name and contact info with Cindi. If you prefer, one or both can be delivered to your home. We will make arrangements to pick them up or you can return them when we are back in the sanctuary together!

**The Worship Committee in collaboration with CE, is beginning to plan our Advent worship series** and related activities and events. We are considering a “Path of Light” around our church where each corner of the drive and parking lot would signify one candle on the Advent wreath – Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, with our church at the center. We are looking for anyone that might be able to help us with this display, or might even have some appropriate outdoor lighting that we could use. If interested, please let Cindi know and we will follow up with you. Thanks for considering!

**ALPC Mission Committee, Christian Education ministry and Cornerstone Preschool are joining together** to host a food drive. Please consider dropping off nonperishable food or household essentials to church today. (No green beans are needed) There are donation containers in the main entryway and in the Cornerstone hallway. The Church is open M-Th. 8:00-4:00. ***If you prefer not to shop, a financial donation to ALPC with the notation, “food drive” is an option.***

*Suggestions:* holiday meal ingredients except green beans, peanut butter or "sun butter," jam, cereal, pasta and rice mixes or canned pasta meals, canned chicken and tuna. Canned chili and soup. Hand soap, hand sanitizer, toilet tissue, laundry detergent.

**The Thanksgiving offering November 22, will be to support lunches** being provided by area churches and for

the Lunch Bunch Fund. We are hopeful that we will find a way to restart this important ministry in 2021. The need for pantry food and take home meals is greater than ever. We will continue to support efforts to help families in need.

**The deadline to submit articles to Cindi for the December *Saints' Alive!* is today.**

**My 2021 calendars have arrived.** Since the church isn't open for services, they are available at the Rock Pile for \$25. Carolyn Rose

**Alternative Holiday Gift for 2020 Guatemala Family Development** - Last year, ALPC was so generous in helping Kathy Leopold and Michele Cold raise money for Guatemala Mayan girls' education. This enabled 22 young women and three special needs children to receive an education in 2020, before COVID-19 closed all the schools!

Since then, we've become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit called Guatemala Family Development, Inc. (Webpage: GuatemalaFamilyDevelopment.com) and continue to fundraise so the girls who hope to continue their middle school education can do it! COVID-19 remote schooling has forced these young women to leave their rural villages, with no electricity or computers, to move to the City of Tactic. In Tactic City, we help pay their room/board and a middle school tutor to help them progress with their studies/remote schooling.

The cost to be able to continue their education has increased under the COVID-19 conditions, so currently there are nine girls studying with the funds we raised in 2020. These girls love to learn and want the chance to better themselves, their families, and their communities. Now looking toward 2021, we're fundraising to help 15 to 17 young women in residence. So far we have raised \$7,000 towards the \$10,000 needed.

Could you support Kathy and Michele and this new nonprofit by either writing a check and sending it to PO Box 215, Avon Lake, OH 44012 or making an electronic contribution on our [guatemalafamilydevelopment.com](http://guatemalafamilydevelopment.com) website?

