

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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“Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love”

www.Facebook.com/avonlakepc - at 10:00am for the service

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

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The Blessings of Creation

Sunday, June 6 - Music Sunday

"The Path of Awe and a Joyful Celebration of Music"

A worship series focusing on the goodness and sacredness of God and the four eternal pathways we can follow to grow in Him and stay connected to Him.

**10:00 am - online via Facebook and YouTube
replaying on AL-CTV daily 2am, 10am & 6pm**

GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

16th Century French Melody
Arr. Charles Wood

WELCOME TODAY – Please be aware that we are eliminating the 15-minute countdown and scrolling announcements from our Facebook broadcast on 6/6/21. The Facebook Premier broadcast the past few Sunday mornings has had an unknown glitch that prevented users from watching until after 11 AM. This seemed to partially coincide with our addition of the 15-minuted countdown. The YouTube broadcast seems to be working fine, so please feel free to watch on YouTube if this problem continues. So sorry for the inconvenience. Please be patient with us as we get this bug worked out! Join us for Zoom fellowship after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Have a form of bread (cracker, cookie, slice of bread) and a form of juice (cooking wine, good wine, apple juice, water) ready to use as we will take Communion together in this worship service.

- **Today:** Session will meet at 11:30 am on Zoom to examine new church officers.
- **Monday:** Staff meeting on Zoom at 10:00 am;
- **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting at 3:00 pm on Zoom.
- **Thursday:** The church office closes at noon.
- **Friday:** Church office closed.

ENTERING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Awesome Creator God, You have spun the galaxies into existence at the speaking of your word. You dreamed this incredible universe out of nothing and made it be. As we meditate upon this creation, the stars, the hummingbirds, the clouds, the bedrock, we are in awe! With the robins, the cardinals, the spring peepers we lift up our voices in praise of your glory. We lift up the brass, we lift up the strings, we lift up our music to you! Amen

HYMN ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** (MIT FREUDEN ZART)

No. 645

All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
 The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation.
 With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithfulness murmur stilled;
 To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
 An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
 As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
 To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing a loud thy praises,
 That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
 Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
 To God all praise and glory!

TESTIMONIAL / MUSICAL RESPONSE

Clay Dusek

CHANCELCHOIR ANTHEM

On the Third Day

Allen Pote

Handbells: Barb Graves, Cathy Graves, Muriel Homer, Joan Wojcicki Fortney
 Brass Quartet: Doug Day, Dave Joyce, Sarah Waggoner, Matt Wirfel; Timpani: Gail Carter
 Organ: Rick Fortney

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / SILENT CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON
PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TESTIMONIAL / MUSICAL RESPONSE

Sarah Waggoner

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Do Lord

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Bill Ingram

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"God's Good Gifts"

Tarra Oppewall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:11-13a,16-17; Psalm 89:1,5,15-16, 52

Joan Fortney

TESTIMONIAL / MUSICAL RESPONSE

Rick Fortney

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

SERMON

Path of Awe (Part 1, Music)

Pastor Charlie Swartz

HOLY SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please have a form of bread and juice ready to receive.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

Prayer of Communion

I Bid My Heart Be Still

Scottish Border Melody
arranged by Rebecca Clarke

Jacob Campbell, viola / Rick Fortney, Piano

I Love You

Laurie Klein

I love You, Lord, And I lift my voice To worship You, Oh, my soul, rejoice
Take joy my King, In what You hear Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

Jacob Campbell, viola / Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello / Rick Fortney, Piano

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Once to Every Soul and Nation (EBENEZER)

Thomas J. Williams
Arranged by Stephen DeCesare

'If the Lord is God, follow Him.'
I Kings 18:21

Lenten String Ensemble: Amy Jankovsky, Violin; Denise Lavin, Violin
Jacob Campbell, Viola; Penelope Wendling, Viola
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, Cello; Doug Day, Piano
Rick Fortney, Director

The rosebud on the alter celebrates the birth of Ken and Deb Reichlin's granddaughter, Leighton Wendy, born on March 23, 2021 to son Dave and his wife Jodi!

Continue to keep Ruth Weeks in your prayers as she is now in hospice care. Please also keep Becky, her caregiver, in your prayers along with Ruth's family. Cards may be sent to: 22500 Lake Road, Apt. 205, Rocky River, OH 44116.

Continue to keep Marcy Uhl's mother, Billie Pifer, in your prayers as she is in hospice palliative care.

Please keep Alix Dansizen, (Cindi's daughter) in your prayers as she fell and dislocated and broke her elbow in two places. Cards may be sent to: 239 Inwood, Avon Lake, OH 44012.

Please keep Jerry Ruffner in your prayers as he fell and broke his hip and is in rehab. Cards may be sent to Harbor Springs Assisted Living, 22900 Center Ridge Road, Apt. 404, Rocky River, OH 44116

Birthdays this week:

Isabel Brunner 6/9, Brie Horvath 6/10, Carol Unger 6/10, Rev. Malcolm Peel 6/12, Daniel St. George 6/13, Sue Mabe 6/13

As the external environment of COVID-19 has changed for the better, so have our own guidelines. On May 17, the Session gave questions to the COVID Advisory Group, which then met to write guidelines. Then on June 1 the Session discussed them and adopted the recommendations to guide us all as we return to in-person gatherings.

For convenience, you may offer your weekly financial gift to the church through this link:
<https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/avon3234200>

It will guide you to contribute through either your bank account or a credit card: Thank you for your generosity!

The Session decided, with guidance from our Covid Advisory Group, that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks or social distance in the church, but that unvaccinated people (adults or children) should still wear a mask and social distance. This applies to all aspects of church life (being in the building, attending meetings or circles, worship). In person worship resumes July 4, and for the present time we will not have choir or congregational singing, and every other pew will be used. Since children under 12 cannot be vaccinated, they should wear masks indoors and stay 3 feet apart, but no not need to wear masks outside. We will be having a youth mission trip, and youth who are fully vaccinated, or have a negative Covid test, will not need to mask or socially distance on the trip.

Most of us are relieved as things return to "normal", but please have compassion to those who may be anxious regarding loosening of precautions. Although we aren't REQUIRED to wear a mask sometimes we SHOULD wear a mask out of compassion. Be prepared; carry a mask. Maybe it will stay in your pocket, but if you need it, you'll have it.