

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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“Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love”

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

July 10, 2022



GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

Great is thy Faithfulness

William M. Runyan
Arr. Chris Rice

All Hearts Be Joyful

G. F. Handel
Arr. Theron Kirk

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.

All: May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.

Leader: May enemies live in peace.

All: May no one hurt or destroy.

Leader: May all the world rejoice.

All: May we be agents of your joy and peace, for this is your mighty vision for our world.

Leader: May timid hearts turn bold.

All: May we believe it can be so.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Visioning God, in this season of transition, preparation, and reflection, let us see through your eyes, the way the world can be. Hope, peace, joy, and love are more than just nice things that *could* be. Help us work to make them *really be* – as clothing and water, as food and fire. Make us bearers of your promise to the world, that all may know the power of your holy love. Amen.

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (CORONATION)

No. 263

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We thank you, O God, for bearers of hope and peace in all times and all places: for those who govern, when they set things right for the poor, meek, and needy; for anointed prophets, who speak and act in your spirit – in wisdom, understanding, and equity. And we thank you for reminders, gentle or urgent, that we, too, should be agents of harmony, reconciliation, peace, justice, and righteousness. Make us advocates of your vision for the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As the prophet Isaiah proclaims, "The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." This sure vision is ours. Let us embrace God's promise. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Good and Simple Gifts (SIMPLE GIFTS AND OLD HUNDREDTH)

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, I Need You

Matt Maher

Leader:

*Lord I come, I confess; bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart; You're the one that guides my heart*

All:

***Lord, I need you, oh, I need you; Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, How I need You
Lord, I need You, oh, I need you; Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, How I need You***

LORD'S PRAYER

***PRAYER RESPONSE (in unison)**

My Tribute

Andre Crouch

***To God be the glory (3x)
For the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done***

***OFFERING/DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-13

Marcy Uhl

SERMON

"Bearers of God's Promise"

Pastor Rick Stein

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Robert Lowry
Arr. David Cherwien

*HYMN

*My Life Flows On (HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?)
(Verses 1 and 4)*

No. 821

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name (SOLIDEO GLORIA)*
(in unison)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The majesty and glory of your name
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The majesty and glory of your name
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Take My Life and Let it Be (MESSIAH/HENDON)

Arr. Judith L. Maggs

**Please stand if you are able.*

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 (440-933-6240).

July 30 has been selected by the Deacons as their outdoor movie night!

July 31 will be our outdoor worship service.

Did you know LCM (Lorain Cooperative Ministries) began in 1983? For almost forty years, they have followed a simple mission to help as many people as they can with food and services with the utmost respect for each person with as much laughter and fun as possible. Most recently, LCM is providing a free summer camp with a focus on science, technology, the arts and math. Opportunities to help serve lunch etc. are available. Call Kathy Hamilton 440-320-3711 for details.

Let's help some Lorain County kids get a "Good Knights" sleep by donating **new** twin and twin XL sheets, pillowcases, and blankets. Beds are built for children ages 3-18 upon request from social agencies and families. The beds are all built by volunteers! You may bring bedding to the church narthex until July 25th. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please indicate "Good Knights" on your donation. If you would like to learn about volunteering, there are flyers in the foyer or online at goodknightsoflc.org. For more information, contact Beth Janis at bjanis1383@gmail.com.



Please keep in your prayers this week

Betsy, Eddie Lou Bush's daughter, continues treatment after chemotherapy.

Susan Storm continues under palliative care.

Ann Lee Loescher has a severe case of COPD and is bed-ridden.

Martha Spicuzza, sister-in-law to Barbara Graves, has liver cancer and is under hospice care.

Darlana Gallant is recovering from surgery.

Georgene Meador continues to recover from hip surgery.

Sherry Thompson continues care in the hospital.

This Week at the Church

Monday: Program Staff will meet at 10:00 am in the office.

Tuesday: Prayer Group will meet at 3:00 pm on Zoom.

Next Sunday: Worship will begin at 10:00 am.

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 32

Birthdays: Kathy Hamilton, 7/10; Penelope Wendling, 7/10; Doug Day, 7/12;
Beth Janis, 7/13; Susan Storm, 7/13; Joy Harris, 7/14; Paul Butrey, 7/15;
Jill Ralston, 7/15

Volunteers Today

Worship Assistant

Greeters

Audio Visual Team

Sound Board

Ushers

Marcy Uhl

Skip & Nancy Albrecht

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, Jay Knox, Beth Shoemaker

Gary Uhl

Alan & JoAnn Wainscott

Women's Quartet

Sarah Waggoner
Joan Wojcicki Fortney

Marcy Uhl
Beth Shoemaker

Church Staff

Transitional Minister

Director of Music Ministry

Director of Preschool

Treasurer

Office Administrator

Lock Up Custodian

Rev. Rick Stein

Rick Fortney

Julie Erker

Marcy Uhl

Kenzi Roberts

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“Now the parable is this, the seed is the Word of God.” – Luke 8:11

Please take a packet of flower seeds (located in the narthex) on your way out today.