

# Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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“Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love”

**World Communion Sunday**

**10:00 am**

**October 2, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

*It is Well with My Soul* (VILLE DU HAVRE)

Muriel Homer, piano

Phillip P. Bliss

Arr. Mark Hayes

**WELCOME**

**THRESHOLD MOMENT**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Psalm 150*

Paul Liljestrand

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When we feel spiritually homeless, where can we turn for help?

**All: Our help is in the grace of God.**

Leader: When we are imprisoned in our suffering, where can we turn for solace?

**All: Our solace is in the mercy of Christ.**

Leader: When we are trapped in the grip of misfortune, where can we turn for strength?

**All: Our strength is in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God, our guide and guardian.

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**Merciful God, though you often feel far from us, you meet us in our need. When our mouths know the taste of bitter tears, you bring us to the feast of your love and mercy. When grief threatens to steal our joy, you remind us to sing of happier times. When adversaries enjoy our misfortune, you rekindle the hope that lies hidden within us. When fear robs us of our courage, you fill us with the daring to begin anew. Be with us in this time of worship, that we may be brought back to life, through the grace of your Son, who walks with us in the journey of faith. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* (CWM RHONDDA)

No. 307

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**God of eternal return, in times of bitter loss, we yearn to be called home. How often have we felt like exiles of Israel who sat down by the waters of Babylon to weep at all they had lost? How often have we felt like Paul who was persecuted and locked away for his convictions and beliefs? Yet we cringe at Paul's invitation to join him in suffering for the gospel. We want to pick up our cross and be counted among the faithful, but we can't seem to leave all our hurts behind. Help us be the people you call us to be and give us the courage to follow you anew in the power and strength of your loving Spirit. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Even in doubt, God gives us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. Even in our failure to find meaning, Christ gives us the gospel of truth. Even in our despair, the Spirit gives us treasures from heaven to strengthen our way. Rejoice in the mercy of our God.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Grandmothers like Lois, and mothers like Eunice, are here in the midst to nurture us in our faith. Teachers like Paul reside in our fellowship to share the gospel with us. Students like Timothy are among us, looking for guidance. See them in the faces around you, as you pass the peace of Christ with one another this day.

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Praise ye the Lord* (LOBE DEN HERREN)

Setting by Hugo Distler

Edited by Kurt Stone (ASCAP)

From Opus 6

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Come into the King's Chambers*

Daniel Gardner

**O Come into the King's chambers and worship before His throne.  
O Come into the King's chambers and His glory shall be shown.  
O come into His holy presence and magnify His name.  
O come into the King's chambers; you will never be the same.**

*Antiphonal Praise (We Worship You)*

Steve Green

**We worship You, Almighty God,  
In You alone is our delight.  
We worship You, oh holy God,  
And lift our voice to sing Your praise.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*PRAYER RESPONSE**

*I Exalt Thee*

Pete Sanchez, Jr.

Leader: For Thou, O Lord art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods.  
For Thou, O Lord art high above all the earth,  
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

All: **We exalt Thee, We exalt Thee, We exalt Thee, O Lord.  
We exalt Thee, We exalt Thee, We exalt Thee, O Lord.**

*Glorify Thy Name*

Donna Adkins

**Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.  
Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.**

**\*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Lynn Bondurant

**SERMON**

"Embrace the Discomfort"

Pastor Rick Stein

**HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Ev'ry Time I Fell the Spirit  
(Somebody's Knockin' at My Door)*

Spiritual  
Arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

**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

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult (GALILEE)*

Setting by Herbert Gotsch

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus Calls Us (GALILEE)*

No. 720

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**  
(in unison)

*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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory (CWM RHONDDA)*

Setting by Ralph C. Schultz

*\*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).

**With concerns of COVID-19 once again on the rise**, masks are recommended, though not required. If you choose not to wear a mask, please be mindful of those around you. Please sanitize often and keep a safe

**Cornerstone Preschool** is holding their annual fundraiser. Order forms are available in the Narthex.

**Presbyterian Women** is holding a Spirituality Gathering November 5 at Christ United Church in Olmsted Falls. Information and registration forms are available in the Narthex.

**All Saints Day** is the last Sunday of this month, October 30th, and is the day on which we remember and honor those loved ones in our lives that have passed on before us in the last year. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered in the service, please submit a photo to Kenzi in the office. Photos may be submitted through email at [alpresby@avonlakepc.org](mailto:alpresby@avonlakepc.org), or a hard copy may be brought into the office for Kenzi to scan. The deadline to submit photos is Sunday, October 23.

### *Please keep in your prayers this week*

**Bill Gantz's** cancer has been classified as Stage 3 due to involved localized lymph nodes. He will undergo daily radiation and weekly chemotherapy for 5-6 weeks, then will require surgery. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated during this difficult journey.

The Spenser's ask for prayers for **Lynne**, who is also grandma to their 2 grandchildren. Lynne has been worshipping virtually with us from Cincinnati for 2½ years and is battling MDS.

**Gail Carter's sister** met with her oncologist 9/21 to discuss treatment options for a cancer that is too invasive to be removed.

**Bob Palisin** will need continued prayers as he works through issues associated with congestive heart failure. Surgery is scheduled for January.

## *This Week at the Church*

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Church Staff will meet at 10:00am.  
**Tuesday:** Prayer Group will meet at 3:00pm on Zoom.  
**Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. WSL will meet at 1:00pm in the Pastor's office.  
**Thursday:** Mission will hold a meeting at 4:15pm. Circle of Smiles meets today. Cornerstone Preschool's Scholastic Bookfair kicks off today.  
**Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am.  
**Next Sunday:** Worship will begin at 10:00am. Scholastic Bookfair will be available in the Narthex.  
*Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19*
- Birthdays:** Wyatt Kompan, 10/3; Virginia DeVera, 10/4; Joyce Shramo, 10/4; Russ Beeler, 10/4; Debbie Swartz, 10/8; James Hough, 10/9

### *Chancel Choir*

Dave Brunner  
Ed Homer  
Jeff Jansen  
Jim Smucker

Joan Wojcicki Fortney  
Marcy Uhl  
Mike Dean  
Sarah Wagoner

Sharon Pervo  
Sharon Smucker  
Sue Mabe  
Susan Richardson

### *Handbell Choir*

Barbara Graves  
Cathy Graves  
Cheryl Dean

Dave Brunner  
Kathy Navarro  
Linda Swartz  
Muriel Homer

Sarah Waggoner  
Sharon Pervo  
Sherry Spenzer

### *Volunteers Today*

Greeters  
Worship Assistant  
Projections Team  
Sound Board  
Ushers  
Communion Servers

Beth & Jim Janis  
Lynn Bondurant  
Jay Knox, Denny Waggoner  
Mike Ciarrone  
Margre & John Mills  
Margre & John Mills, Janet Parker, Sue Mabe

### *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  
Ed Homer

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