

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

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"Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love"

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

October 23, 2022

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace (NEW BRITIAN)
Barbara Graves, piano

from Virginia Harmony
E.O. Excell
Arr. Jack Schrader

'...But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many, through Jesus Christ.'
Romans 5:14-16

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Psalm 150

Paul Liljestrand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, for you answer our prayer.

All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance.

All: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Shield and Defender, how worthy you are of the praises we bring. We sing of your mercy. We tell of your glory. We speak of your greatness to the assembled throng. We need only cry aloud and you hear us, O God. You send your Spirit as our comfort and strength. We shall dwell evermore within your enfolding protection through the faith of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray.

*HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus (CRUSADER'S HYMN)

No. 630

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lover of justice, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you. At times fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties are put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations and reclaim us from error when we obey not your will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah when he wrote: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when... I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Therein lies our assurance. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte
Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

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

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Luke 18:9-14

Shawn Brunner

SERMON

"Confession is Good for the Soul"

Reverend Kurt Walker

***HYMN**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea (WOODWORTH)

No. 442

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

Joy in my Soul
Doug Day, piano

Mark Hayes

**Please stand if you are able.*

Welcome Reverend Kurt Walker!



The Rev. Kurt Dean Walker currently serves in Validated Ministry as Chaplain at Wesleyan Village and Wesleyan Meadows, a Life Plan Community located in Elyria and Sheffield Village. He has previously served as a chaplain at Breckenridge Village in Willoughby and in two Acute Care hospitals located in Southern Indiana. His calls to serve congregations have included an interim ministry at East Side Presbyterian Church in Ashtabula, an interim ministry in Indiana, and as installed pastor to congregations in Iowa and Wisconsin. He has served the Presbytery of Western Reserve as past Moderator of COM and was the Teaching Elder Commissioner for the Presbytery at the 2022 General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. Kurt earned his MDiv from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in 2005 by Western Kentucky Presbytery. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Child Development and Family Living from Western Kentucky University. He concluded a chaplain residency in 2014 earning four units of Clinical Pastoral Education. He likes to read, golf, garden, ride his 2014 Honda PC150, and is a licensed private pilot. Kurt lives in Amherst with his wife, Rev. Jennifer Walker Noyes, his son, Isaac and two cats, Samantha and Sirius.

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.

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. For more information, call Gladys Kershaw at 440-238-2363.

Lanyards are available for anyone wanting a more substantial cord for their church nametag. Look for the basket on the table in the church entryway.

Older Adult Spirituality, an adult education class lead by Lee Lohr will follow worship today, October 23rd, and again next week, October 30th. Please meet in the Pastor's Office.

Second Harvest Food Bank still has volunteer opportunities for Friday, October 28, 9:30-noon. See Sybil for more information or visit <https://cerv.is/0293rALPRESBYTERIAN2022> on the web.

This Week at the Church

- Monday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Church Staff will meet at 10:00am in the church office. Session will meet at 7:00pm in the narthex.
- Tuesday:** Men's Lunch Group will meet. Prayer Group will meet at 3:00pm on Zoom.
- Wednesday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am. Handbell Choir will practice in the sanctuary at 6:30pm, followed by Chancel Choir at 8:00pm.
- Friday:** Walking Group meets at the church at 8:30am.
- Saturday:** OSL will meet in the narthex at 10:00am.
- Next Sunday:** All Saint's Day worship will begin at 10:00am with the return of Pastor Rick Stein.
- Birthdays:** Claire Postle, 10/24; Joan Ruffner, 10/24; Dawn Prince, 10/25; Joyce Bihary, 10/28; Carol Nussle, 10/28; John Kneiss, 10/30

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.

Gail Carter's sister, Linda, is awaiting immunotherapy as a treatment for her cancer.

Donna Bradley continues to recover from surgery.

Terry Vine continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.

Chancel Choir

Ed Carter
Gail Carter
Doug Day
Jackie Day
Mike Dean

Joan Wojcicki Fortney
Jeff Hansen
Ed Homer
Sue Mabe
Bob Palisin
Sharon Pervo

Susan Richardson
Jim Smucker
Sharon Smucker
Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Doug Day & Muriel Homer, accompanists

Chancel Choir

Ed Carter
Gail Carter
Doug Day
Cheryl Dean

Barb Graves
Cathy Graves
Muriel Homer
Kathy Navarro

Sharon Pervo
Sherry Spenzer
Linda Swartz
Sarah Waggoner

Volunteers Today

Greeters
Worship Assistant
Projections Team
Sound Board
Ushers

Nancy Baldwin, Noah Wessel
Shawn Brunner
Jay Knox, John Mills
Gary Uhl
Bill & Kathy Hamilton

Church Staff

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