

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE! SING! SHOUT! DANCE!

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PROCESSIONAL *Psalm 150* Elders of Jazz

CALL TO WORSHIP From Revelation, God speaking: 3:19-20

*HYMN OF PRAISE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 403

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of empty tombs and empty people:
when we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us voice.
When we find it difficult to love another,
forgive us, and give us new compassion.
When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.
When we stay locked behind doors of fear and doubts,
forgive us and send us out to share your grace.
When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy (T M Shuman)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison) “Amazing Grace,” verse 1 No. 280
**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FROM EARLY CHRISTIAN HISTORY (No. 1309) Acts 5:27-32

FROM JOHN'S REVELATION (No. 1493) 1:4-8

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

*DOXOLOGY “Bringing in the Sheaves”

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Come forward to add your stones for your *Random Acts of Kindness*
Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN “How Great Thou Art” No. 467

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

GOSPEL LESSON (No. 1298) John 20:19-31

SERMON **Have You Met My Friend?** Rev. Dalton Love

*HYMN “Jesus Loves Me!” No. 304

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Amen*
When The Saints Go Marching In Elders of Jazz

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the Postlude. Feel free to clap, dance, sing, tap your feet or any combination thereof!

The Elders of Jazz

Al HartTrombone
Ken Hayden.....Trombone
Kim Kazda..... Drums
Ron Lorentz.....Tuba
Dalton Love.....Clarinet
Kay McIntosh.....Piano
Jim Traxler.....Trumpet

The *Elders of Jazz* are amateur Dixieland musicians who play to praise God in their own, special, joyous way. Many of the “Elders” are, in fact, ordained Elders in the Presbyterian Church. Co-leaders of the group are Al Hart, retired Presbyterian Pastor and Pastor Emeritus of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church and Jim Traxler, an Elder at Bay Presbyterian Church, and the father of our member, Eric Traxler.

Dixieland jazz had its roots in the Negro spirituals from the time of slavery. This vocal music was adapted in the late 19th century by New Orleans African-American instrumentalists who played for weddings, funerals, baptisms and virtually every significant event in the community. Although later secularized, jazz was originally spiritually based and the *Elders of Jazz* play “in the spirit” as a ministry at churches and events throughout Northeast Ohio.

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An FM system is available for those who would appreciate sound amplification. Large print bulletins are also available. Ask an usher.