

Worship for the Lord's Day

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in bold italics.*

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *March Triumphant into Jerusalem* R. Thygerson

In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Congregational Introit *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* Hymnal #91
(vs. 1-2)

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship From Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

We were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

* **Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* Hymnal #85

Unison Prayer of Confession

God who purifies, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for the Christian life is no walk in the park. Sure of our own righteousness, we ignore your call to piety. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward a posture of obedience. Fill us with the abundant love of Christ until this world is made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Choral Kyrie *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. *Thanks be to God!*

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ is with you. *And also with you.*

Choral Anthem *God's Holy Lamb* Parker/Hayes

All children through the 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 32:6-11* p.480

New Testament Reading *Luke 7:36-47* p.897

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon *"The Way of the Cross: Reconciliation"*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *Take My Life* Hymnal #391

* **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty* Graham George
During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* **Hymnal #592**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers by and for 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.

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **Hymnal #356**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! (vs. 3-4)* **Hymnal #91**

Postlude *Hosannas Ring* E. Lorenz

Schedules

Ushers, April	Garry Taylor, Jerry Moore Sang-il Lee, Mark Younkin
Lay Reader, April 16	Jane Strebel
Lay Reader, April 23	Sally Sease
Nursery, April 16	Kevin & Kiernan deBernard
Nursery, April 23	Alice Barkdoll, Linda Janiak
CC Teachers, April	Dana Taylor
CC Assistant, April 16	No Children's Church
CC Assistant, April 23	No Children's Church

April 10 - April 15, Daily Lectionary Reading

HOLY MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 119:73-80; 145 Evening: Pss. 121; 6 Jer. 11:18-20; 12:1-16 (17) Phil. 3:1-14 John 12:9-19	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Jer. 20:7-11 (12-13) 14-18 1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32 John 17:1-11 (12-26)
HOLY TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 34; 146 Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Jer. 15:10-21 Phil. 3:15-21 John 12:20-26	GOOD FRIDAY	Morning: Pss. 22; 148 Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Gen. 22:1-14 1 Peter 1:10-20 John 13:36-38 or John 19:38-42
HOLY WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 27; 51 Jer. 17:5-10, 14-17 (18) Phil. 4:1-13 John 12:27-36	HOLY SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 43; 149 Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Job 19:21-27a Heb. 4:1-16 Rom. 8:1-11

April DAWN Donation: Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Beverly Eubank ('17) <i>Property</i>
Linda Janiak ('17) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Martha Moore ('17) <i>Christian Education</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('17) <i>Property</i>
Rev. Ed Soto <i>Moderator of Session</i>

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto <i>Pastor</i>
Carolyn Doss <i>Church Secretary</i>
John Erb <i>Clerk of Session</i>
Dot Hogan <i>Organist</i>
Dennis Janiak <i>Treasurer</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp <i>Choir Director</i>

Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller <i>Prayer Fellowship Request</i>
Jack Ritzer <i>The Men of the Church</i>
Jane Strebel <i>Women's Fellowship Study Leader</i>

Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be
His voice and hands helping all people.



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Altavista Presbyterian Church strives to show compassion to all people within our Congregation and beyond our doors just as Jesus showed compassion to all those in need.

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Please contact the church office if you have prayer concerns.

Prayers For....

- God's church here at APC and for His guidance.
- Our Session & Church Leaders.
- Dean Smith's health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- Our new Pastor and his Wife.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- David Etheridge, pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, as he has aggressive treatment for a rare stomach cancer.
- Gary Strebel as he recovers from a heart procedure.
- Jeff Binder's brother, health issues.
- Betty Riggins freedom from fear.
- Nancy Pittard, cancer.
- Linda & Craig Reilly (Mark Younkin's mother & stepfather) health concerns.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Our homebound members, Joe Mason, Janet & Jerry Soddors, Tim Coleman.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! We invite you to join with us in praise and worship to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Whether you are a visitor, family or friend of our congregation we hope that you feel welcome as we encounter Jesus' walk into Jerusalem together.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dana Taylor**.

Again this year we will be hosting the weekly **Lenten Lunches**, sponsored by the AAMA each Wed. at 12:10 PM during Lent. This Wednesday **Pastor Ed** will be speaking.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received this morning, and will be matched by our ACT for Missions trust. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that it's for the OGHS.

A **reception** will be held in memory of Bob Steele today immediately after worship in the fellowship hall.

Our **Maundy Thursday Service** is this Thursday at 7:00 PM.

The **cookies for the Kairos Ministry** are due Sunday April 16th, please place them in the plastic bin in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to our **Easter Koinonia Breakfast** Sunday, April 16th at **9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Your extended family and guests are welcome to join us for our meal!

There will be no **Adult Sunday School** Class Easter Sunday.

We will not have **Children's Church** next Sunday so our children can join their families for Easter Sunday Worship.

Volunteers are needed to provide macaroni & cheese for the reception/lunch for the **Altavista High School Seniors** Friday, April 21. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating in a **Mission Trip this summer**. This is not a commitment, just to let the Ministry Beyond The Congregation Committee know your interest.