

**ALTAVISTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LORD'S DAY SERVICE**

***"PAST TEACHING FOR PRESENT TRIAL,
ON MORAL PURITY"***
A SERIES ON FIRST THESSALONIANS
I THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2020**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23 (NASB)

HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God and Father in heaven, You are faithful and just; You are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. Before You and our sisters and brothers, we confess that we have spoken many empty words and have at times broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to You; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. Through our Lord Jesus may we rejoice in knowing we belong to You, with the freedom of being purified by Your blood, and with the healing which Your grace alone can bring. In the name of our blessed Savior. Amen.

A moment of silent, individual confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Thessalonians 4:1-8 (ESV)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Past Teaching for Present Trial, On Moral Purity”

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CHARGE & BENEDECTION