

# The Lord's Day Worship

September 17, 2023

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

The congregation's responses are in *bold italics*.

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**     *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*     arr. Mary McDonald

**Reading of the Law**     *Colossians 3:12-14*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you!*

**\*Hymns of Grace #190**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

**Confession of Sin**     *John Calvin (1509-1564)*

*Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended You, and we condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, longing for Your grace to relieve our distress. May You, therefore, have mercy upon us, most gentle and merciful God and Father, in the name of You Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**     *I Timothy 1:15-17*

**\*The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

*And also with you!*

**\*Song of Praise**     *Gloria Patri*

*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.*

**\*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.*

**Call To Offering**     *Hebrews 13:14-16*

**Offertory**     *Come Down, O Love Divine*     Ralph Williams

**\*Song of Thanksgiving**     *Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**     *I Kings 8:56-58*

**Anthem**     *For the Joy of Music*     Natalie Sleeth

**Prayer of Intercession**

**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 and ever. Amen.*

**Children's Lesson**     *Young children are excused to Children's Church.*

**Minute for Missions**

**Scripture**     *Genesis 16:7-16*     **p.12**

The Word of God for the People of God!  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon**     *"Call Him Ishmael"*

**\*Presbyterian Hymnal #91**

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**     *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*     Albert L. Peace

Sermon Notes

### Servers

Today's Lay Reader	Terry Walton
September 24, Lay Reader	Martha Moore
September Ushers	Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews

### Prayer Requests

Our session & church leaders	Donna Layne
Our nation & elected leaders	Glenn Jefferson
God's guidance at APC	Alline Ritzer
Doug Robertson	Silas Allen
Margaret Liebchen	Connie Peresada
Alice Barkdoll	William (Jo Jo) Phillips
Billy Robertson	Donna Hendricks
Linda Giles	Hugh Rountrey
Essie Moore	Kay Gagnon
The Smith Family	Emily Ragsdale

### People at APC

#### **Session Elders**

Gary Andrews ('24)  
*Administration*

Kevin deBernard ('24)  
*Outreach*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('24)  
*Discipleship*

Barbie Andrews ('25)  
*Outreach*

Ron Coleman ('25)  
*Discipleship*

Mark Younkin ('25)  
*Administration*

#### **Staff**

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Minister of Word & Sacrament*

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

Linda Giles  
*Organist & Pianist*

John Erb  
*Clerk of Session*

### September Events

**September 3** 10 AM Worship/Communion  
Collect 2 Cents-A-Meal

**September 4** Office Closed

**September 5** Noon - Men's Lunch - Main St. Café  
5 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

**September 6** 8 AM Men's Bible Study  
10 AM Bible Study

**September 10** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
3 PM Cornerstone Music Recital

**September 13** 8 AM Men's Bible Study  
10 AM Bible Study

**September 16** 5 - 7 PM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**September 17** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
Session Meeting after Worship

**September 18** 5:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting

**September 19** 12 PM Men's Lunch at Mama Rosa's  
5 PM Administration Committee Meeting

**September 20** 8 AM Men's Bible Study  
10 AM Bible Study  
12 PM Men's Lunch at Mama Rosa's

**September 24** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church

**September 25** October Link Deadline

**September 27** 8 AM Men's Bible Study  
10 AM Bible Study

### Announcements

The Session meets today immediately after worship for its monthly stated meeting. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

The Men of the church will meet for lunch the first and third Wednesdays of each month beginning September 20<sup>th</sup>.

OCC September Donation Items: Ink Pens, Solar Calculators

10:00 AM

Welcome to worship at  
**ALTAVISTA PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**



### Greetings!

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word.

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*Equipping the saints for ministry,  
Building up the body of Christ.  
Eph. 4:12*