

The Lord's Day Worship

March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday In Lent

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

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach/M. Carson

Reading of the Law *Matthew 5:20, 48; 6:33*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

***Hymns of Grace #274**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 *Psalm 103:13-14*

***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** *Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I.8*

The Old Testament in Hebrew (the native language of the ancient people of God) and the New Testament in Greek (the language most widely known internationally at the time the New Testament was written) were directly inspired by God and have been kept uncontaminated throughout time by his special care and providence. They are therefore authentic and are to be the church's ultimate source of appeal in every religious controversy. The original languages of the Bible, however, are not understood by all of God's people. But all of God's people have a right to an interest in the Bible and God himself commands them to read it thoroughly with awe and reverence for him. Consequently the Bible should be translated into the native language of every people to whom it is introduced. Then, the word of God will live fully in everyone;

everyone will be able to worship God in an acceptable way; and all believers may have hope through the endurance and the encouragement of the Bible.

This, we confess and believe, amen.

Call To Offering *Hebrews 13:14-16*

Offertory *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* Gretry, arr. Kirkpatrick

***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*

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

Anthem *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hassler/Bach

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.*

Minute for Missions

Scripture *Matthew 27:46* p.865

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

Sermon *"Final Benedictions: The Word of Abandonment"*

***Hymns of Grace #285**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?* Hugh Wilson

Sermon Notes

Servers

Today's Lay Reader	Martha Moore
March Ushers	Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews

Prayer Requests

Our session & church leaders	Dennis Janiak
Our nation & elected leaders	Glenn Jefferson
God's guidance at APC	Silas Allen
Ezra Soto	Collin Adams
Margaret Liebchen	William (Jo Jo) Phillips
Alice Barkdoll	Kay Gagnon
Billy Robertson	Emily Ragsdale
Essie Moore	Jo Ann Houchins
Mike Smith	

People at APC

Session Elders

Gary Andrews ('24)
Administration

Kevin deBernard ('24)
Outreach

Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('24)
Discipleship

Barbie Andrews ('25)
Congregational Care

Ron Coleman ('25)
Congregational Care

Mark Younkin ('25)
Congregational Care

John Erb
Clerk of Session

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto
Minister of Word & Sacrament

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Linda Giles
Organist & Pianist

Gary Andrews
Co-Treasurer

Mark Younkin
Co-Treasurer

March Events

March 3 10 AM Worship/Communion
Collect Two Cents-A-Meal Offering

March 6 12 PM Men's Lunch – Main Street Café

March 7 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect

March 10 10 AM Worship/Children's Church

March 14 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect

March 16 7:30 AM-Noon – Church Clean-Up Day

March 17 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Collect One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Congregational Meeting after Worship

March 18 4:00 PM Administration Committee Meeting

March 20 12 PM Men's Lunch – Mama Rosa's
4 PM Session Meeting

March 21 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect

March 24 10 AM Palm Sunday Cantata
Children's Church

March 25 4:30 PM Discipleship Meeting
April Link Deadline

March 28 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect

March 31 10 AM Easter Sunday Worship
Children's Church

Announcements

The sanctuary flowers this morning are given by the family of Margaret Liebchen, to the glory of God and in honor of Margaret's 90th birthday.

The Administration Committee will have a Spring Clean-up Day Saturday, March 16th, beginning at 7:30 AM with breakfast and ending around Noon. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to help.

Our spring stated Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, March 17, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2026 Class of Elders and to conduct any business of the APC Corporation.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received Sunday, March 17th, and will be matched by our ACT for Missions Trust.

March Operation Christmas Child Donation Items: Boy's Combs, Coloring Books

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*