

The Lord's Day Worship

March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Mary McDonald

Reading of the Law *Colossians 3:5-6, 12-14*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you!

***Hymns of Grace #271**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Confession of Sin *Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

Lord, help us to turn and seek You, for we know You are here in our heart, when we confess to You, when we cast ourselves upon You, and weep in Your bosom, after all our rugged ways; and You gently wipe away our tears, and we weep the more for joy. 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** *Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I.9-10*

9. The infallible standard for the interpretation of the Bible is the Bible itself. And so any question about the true and complete sense of a passage in the Bible (which is a unified whole) can be answered by referring to other passages which speak more plainly.

10. The Holy Spirit speaking in the Bible is the supreme judge of all religious controversies, all decisions of religious councils, all the opinions of ancient writers, all human teachings, and every private opinion. We are to be satisfied with the judgment of him who is and can be the only judge.

This, we confess and believe, amen.

Call To Offering *II Corinthians 9:6-9*

Offertory *Merciful God* Getty, Getty, & Townend, arr. Coleman

***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 *II Chronicles 6:41-42*

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

Anthem *I See a Rose in the Garden* Joseph Martin

Prayer of Intercession *II Chronicles 6:41-42*

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 *Luke 23:44-49* **p.919**

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

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

***Hymns of Grace #293**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Mark Rice

Sermon Notes

Servers

Today's Lay Reader Barbie Andrews
 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	Staff
Gary Andrews ('24) <i>Administration</i>	Rev. Ed Soto <i>Minister of Word & Sacrament</i>
Kevin deBernard ('24) <i>Outreach</i>	Carolyn Doss <i>Church Secretary</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('24) <i>Discipleship</i>	Stephanie Moehlenkamp <i>Choir Director</i>
Barbie Andrews ('25) <i>Congregational Care</i>	Linda Giles <i>Organist & Pianist</i>
Ron Coleman ('25) <i>Congregational Care</i>	Gary Andrews <i>Co-Treasurer</i>
Mark Younkin ('25) <i>Congregational Care</i>	Mark Younkin <i>Co-Treasurer</i>
John Erb <i>Clerk of Session</i>	

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

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 Committee
April Link Deadline

March 28 4-5:30 PM Craft & Connect

March 31 10 AM Easter Sunday Worship
Children's Church

Announcements

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.

Our spring stated Congregational Meeting will be held this morning 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 Session meets this Wednesday, March 20, at 4 PM 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 Choir will be having a Cantata on Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10 AM.

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*