

## To Praise God's Name

### Call to Worship

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together  
with glad and generous hearts.

*For many signs and wonders are being done among us.*

Let us break bread together and share God's love with others.

*Let us come before the Lord who'll prepare  
to love and serve Christ.*

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

*For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.*

- \* **Hymn**            *The God of Abraham Praise*            Hymnal #488

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering  
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*O Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have  
not always followed Christ's example. We have gone astray. Lead  
us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### Silent Prayers of Confession

**Choral Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy*

### 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.*

*All children through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

## To Hear God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading**        *Psalms 23:1-6*            p.476

**Choral Anthem**            *You Are the Bread*            Ruth Elaine Schram

**New Testament Reading**        *I Peter 2:1-12*            p.1058

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

**Sermon**            "A Living Stone and a Holy People"

## To Thank God

- \* **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**            *Because He Lives*            The Gaithers

*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**

## To See God's Word in Sacrament

\* **Hymn**      *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*      Hymnal #417

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise...*

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...*

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. According to Christ's commandment:

*We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...*

### 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.*

### Words of Institution

#### Sharing in the Bread and the Cup

#### Prayer after the Meal

## To Depart to Serve God

\* **Hymn**      *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*      Hymnal #510

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Amen**      *Awesome God*      **Sing the Faith**  
#2040

**Postlude**      *Brethren, We Have Come to Worship*      William Moore

## Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



## Worship for the Lord's Day

May 7, 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
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**      *Steal Away*      Spiritual

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

**Congregational**      *Awesome God*      **Sing the Faith**  
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## Schedules

<b>Ushers, May</b>	Dennis & Jeffrey Janiak Mary Woodie & Anne Mabry
<b>Lay Reader, May 14</b>	Mark Younkin
<b>Lay Reader, May 21</b>	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
<b>Nursery, May 14</b>	Darlene Robertson LizaAnne Copes
<b>Nursery, May 21</b>	Garry Taylor, Jackson Moehlenkamp
<b>CC Teachers, May</b>	Anne Mabry
<b>CC Assistant, May 14</b>	No Children's Church
<b>CC Assistant, May 21</b>	Barbie Andrews
<b>Communion Servers, Today</b>	Beverly Eubank Jeffrey Janiak Ron Coleman Stephanie Moehlenkamp

## May 8-13, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 97; 145 Evening: Pss. 124; 115 Jer. 30:1-9 Col. 1:1-14 Luke 6:1-11	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 68; 113 Jer. 31:1-14 Col. 2:8-23 Luke 6:39-49
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 98; 146 Evening: Pss. 66; 116 Jer. 30:10-17 Col. 1:15- 23 Luke 6:12-26	FRIDAY	Morning: Pss. 96; 148 Evening: Pss. 49; 138 Jer. 31:15-22 Col. 3:1-11 Luke 7:1-17
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 9; 118 Jer. 30:18-22 Col. 1:24-2:7 Luke 6:27-38	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 92; 149 Evening: Pss. 23; 114 Jer. 31:23-25 Col. 3:12-17 Luke 7:18-28 (29-30) 31-35

## 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.
- Pastor Ed and his wife Betsy.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Oliver family, in the death of Russ Oliver.
- The Riley family, in death of Craig Riley (Mark Younkin's stepfather).
- Michael & Margaret Gafford's granddaughter, broken bone in arm.
- Nancy Pittard, cancer.
- Linda Riley (Mark Younkin's mother) 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 are glad that you have come to worship our saving Lord, Jesus Christ, with us today. We hope you join us as we serve God today and throughout the week.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Al & Jeannie Smith for the glory of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in celebration of the wedding of Shanna Worley and Eric Petrushak.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Rev. Betsy Soto**.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by today 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.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Tuesday, May 9, at 10:00 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, May 9, at 6:00 PM at the church.

The **Worship Committee** will meet this Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 PM at the church.

The **Property Committee** will meet this Wednesday, May 10, at 5:30 PM at the church.

All members and visitors, whether you're in and out of the church regularly or only come a few times a month, you're invited to **take a survey!** This questionnaire will help Pastor Ed determine the course of Sermons, Sunday School, Bible Studies, and many other aspects of ministry at APC. You can find the survey on our website at <http://apctest.weebly.com/church-survey.html>. If you prefer a paper copy, please contact Pastor Ed. Please complete the survey by May 31.

Mark your calendar for **Camp Peaks Day Camp** July 17-21, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Janiak's farm. The cost is \$35 for ages 5 - 12. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Dana Taylor.