

#### Church News & Notes...

Welcome to the Avon United Methodist Church! Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives. Our diversity is our strength. We gather together with a common love for God and all of God's people, and we are glad you are with us.

For upcoming events check out our website at [avonnyumc.org](http://avonnyumc.org) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/AvonnyUMC](https://www.facebook.com/AvonnyUMC), and follow us on Twitter @UMCAVON

Hearing assistance is available for our services. Just let an usher know for assistance.

For handicap accessibility to the second floor please let the greeter at the door know of this need.

Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring books, crayons, and activity bags are available from the usher. During our 10:30 service our nursery is available with paid trained, background-checked staff.

See Elaine Davis to purchase Tops gift cards, a continuous fundraiser for our church!

TODAY is the deadline for purchasing Easter flowers, AND registering for the UMW Women's Retreat, on the morning of April 22. If interested, see the inserts located in the back of the sanctuary.

#### Our Church Staff

Interim Pastor:	DJ Robinson
Lay Leader:	Don Mastin
Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Office Manager:	Mark Brennan
Music Director:	Linda Rosebrough
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Child Care Provider:	Madeline Wolfer Alex Herman

#### This Week's Church Activities

##### Sunday April 9, 2017

7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM  
8:30 Worship Service  
9:30 Coffee Hour  
Sunday School/ Praise & Sing Choir  
10:30 Worship Service

##### Monday

9:00 Bulletin Deadline  
7:00 Avon United Methodist Women

##### Tuesday

11:45 Lenten Luncheon at Central Presbyterian

##### Wednesday

7:00 Chancel Choir

##### Thursday

9:30 Giggle Time  
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

##### Friday

6:00 Good Friday Service at Second Baptist Church, 957 George St., Middletown, NY

##### Easter Sunday April 16, 2017

7:00 Sunrise Service at Mothersfield, 4444 Hogmire Road, Avon, NY  
7:30 Radio Ministry WYSL 1040AM  
9:30 Coffee Hour  
Sunday School/ Praise & Sing Choir  
10:30 Worship Service  
11:45 Easter Egg Hunt

## THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE: HUMILITY & PASSION



WELCOME! We are glad you came to join with us in our worship time today.

WE BELIEVE God's grace is available to all people, no matter where you are from, what you look like, or who you love.

OUR MISSION: to follow in the path of Jesus so that we may grow in faith, serve in His name, and share God's love.

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April 9, 2017

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Palm Sunday

\*Please Stand in Body or Spirit  
Songs number 2000 or higher  
may be found in the small songbook.

**WE GATHER**

Prelude "Fanfare on *Ellacombe*," arr. Lani Smith  
Welcome *Please fill out Fellowship Folder*  
Time of Centering "What Wondrous Love Is This?"  
arr. Craig Curry

\*Call to Worship Psalm 31: 9-16, #764  
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is  
wasted from grief, my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with  
sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my  
bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my  
neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those  
who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have  
become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many- terror all around!- as they  
scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord, I say, "You are my God."**  
My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my  
enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine on your servant; save me through  
you steadfast love!**

\*Praying Together  
**God of our salvation, we thank you for your Son, Jesus,  
who left your throne, and emptied himself of everything  
but love. We ask you to be with us all today, that as we  
go forward in life, we will have the courage to go with  
Jesus; to stand with him in front of everyone who  
opposes that you word is truth.**

\*Hymn "Hosanna," #278

**WE LISTEN AND PRAY**

Scripture Isaiah 50: 4-9  
Matthew 26: 14-27

**(10:30)** Conversations with the Children

Sharing our Prayers, Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer # 895

**(10:30)** Gift of Music "Lenten Prayer," arr. Stephen Walter

Sermon "Through Death to Life: Humility & Passion"

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," #154 v. 1, 3-4

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

Joy of Giving "Jesus Paid It All," arr. Ruth Schram

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Blessed God, you are the King of the Universe! In  
steadfast love, you sent your Son Jesus to be the Prince  
of Peace. We are grateful for the majestic light that you  
shine through Christ's love and faithfulness, a light that  
could not be extinguished by his innocent death. Send  
your Spirit to strengthen the church to become bold  
witnesses who help our neighbors draw closer to you  
and your light. We dedicate our offerings and gifts in  
Jesus' name. Amen. (Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29)**

**(8:30) WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION**

Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," #2129, v.1-2

Communion Song "Prayer of Gethsemane," by Brian Gibson

*Please come to the front by the center aisle and stand around the  
Communion Table. Receive the bread. As the cup is offered, dip your  
bread into the cup and partake. After a benediction, please return to your  
seat.*

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*Hymn "Praise the Name of Jesus," #2066 x2

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Ride On, King Jesus," arr. Mark Hayes

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Interim Pastor Rev. DJ Robinson  
(8:30) Usher Lloyd Hynes  
(10:30) Ushers Laurie Combs, Mary Primm  
Norrine & Ken Furman  
(10:30) Reader Deb Spratt  
Instrumentalist Mark Brennan  
Music Director Linda Rosebrough  
Sound Engineer Mark Blakely

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Printed Scriptures are from Contemporary English Version  
unless otherwise noted.

We hope that you have felt God's love  
In a new, refreshing way  
For you're so welcomed in this place  
And we hope you'll come again,  
To join with us in fellowship  
And to make some special friends.

Join us for coffee and a treat each week at 9:30 AM  
downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

**Community News & Notes.....**

Giggle Time Thursdays 9:30 AM  
Weight Watchers Thursdays 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting Fridays 8:30 PM  
Food Addicts Meeting Sundays 7:00 PM