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**Altamont Reformed Church**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024**

**Prelude**   **“Gift of Finest Wheat” Arr. by Charles Callahan**

**Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist**

**The Liturgy of Approach**

**Votum**

**Call to Worship**

Sitting in worship, we wait in expectation;

**the Spirit will come as God has promised!**

To the timid and the bold and to all God’s children;

**the Spirit will come as God has promised!**

As we worship now in prayer and praise;

**the Spirit will come as God has promised!**

**\*Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (Purple) #260**

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we profess resurrection and yet we have lived as if it is not true. We have not trusted you completely, received life from you fully, or given of ourselves freely. We have not loved as you have asked us to.

**God, have mercy.**

Forgive our sin. Reach out and touch the wounds of our hearts, and heal them.

**God, have mercy.**

From the grave of our sin, raise us up to new life. Restore our faith**,** renew our love, and grant us once again your deepest joy.

**God of all mercy, by the mystery of your grace,**

**raise us up to new life with the Risen Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-8**

**The Law of God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**\*Gloria Patri (Purple) #581**

**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 with-out end. Amen, Amen.**

**Ministry of Music “Shepherd of Love” J. W. Peterson**

**Shepherd of Love, You knew I had lost my way; Shepherd of love, You**

**cared that I’d gone astray.**

**You sought and found me, placed around me strong arms that carried me**

**home; no foe can harm me or alarm me-never again will I roam!**

**Shepherd of love, Savior and Lord and Guide, Shepherd of love, forever I’ll**

**stay by Your side, forever I’ll stay by Your side.**

**The Liturgy of the Word and sacrament**

**Children’s Message**

**\*Hymn: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” (Purple) #395**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-14 (New Testament p. 118)**

**Sermon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Meaning of the Sacrament**

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving (Insert)**

**Communion Hymn: “Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven” (Purple)**

**#511**

**Words of Institution**

**THE LITURGY OF RESPONSE**

**Thanksgiving After Communion (Insert)**

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People with the Lord’s Prayer**

**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, for ever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: “There Is a Redeemer” (Purple) #443**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude   “Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Calling” J.S. Bach**

\* *indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

**WELCOME** as we worship together. Please join us for coffee hour fellowship after our worship service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**CHILDREN BULLETINS AND SACK COLORING PAGES** are available in the front of the sanctuary.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES**are in the back of the sanctuary.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNAL:**If you are visually challenged, a larger version of the *Glory to God* hymnal is available in the front or back of the sanctuary. The covers are black.

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY**

Greeters…………………………………………………………....Marianne Baratier & Kelli Moore

Counters…………………………………………………………...Marianne Baratier & Kelli Moore

Side Door Greeter…………………………………………………………………..Sallie Townsend

AV Support…………………………………………………………………………….Mike Gilman

Coffee Hour………………………………………………………….............Natalie & John Drahzal

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

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|  | **April 14** | **April 21** | **April 28** |
| **Ushers & Greeters** | Dan & Christine  Capuano | Judi Dineen &  Noreen Novak | Deb McKee &  Laurie Warner |
| **Offering Counters** | Christine Capuano &  Linda Warnken | Judi Dineen &  Noreen Novak | Deb McKee &  Laurie Warner |
| **AV Volunteer** | Ryan Brewer | Tom Boink | Mike Gilman |

**COMING UP**

**Today 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall**

**6:30 p.m. Joint 101 Bible Study in Fellowship Hall**

**Mon. April 8 7:00 p.m. Men’s Book Study**

**Tues. April 9 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee meeting**

**Wed. April 10 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal**

**Sat. April 13 9:00 a.m.-noon ARC Spring Clean-Up Morning**

**Sun. April 14 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall; Faith Formation Comm. lounge**

**6:30 p.m. Bible Study 101 at Helderberg Reformed**

**AT A GLANCE-READ BELOW FOR DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING:**

* **ARC Spring Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 13, 9am-noon**
* **Big Family Gathering, Friday, April 19, 6-8pm**
* **Volunteers Needed for our Monday, May 6 First of the Month Free Community Dinner**

**ARC SPRING CLEAN UP MORNING SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9 A.M-NOON**

It’s time to spruce up the church grounds and do a little spring cleaning. We will gather this Saturday, rain or shine and enjoy a time of fellowship with bagels and coffee. If possible, please bring a pair of gloves and a rake. If you plan to attend, contact Greg Goutos at 518-495-0148 or email him at [ggoutos@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ggoutos@nycap.rr.com).

**BIG FAMILY GATHERING, APRIL 19 6-8PM**

This is the first gathering of the “Big Faith Family”. The simple purpose of the Big Faith Family is to experience the grace of Christian community through spending time together.  Our project that evening, (in honor of Earth Day),  is to plant tomato and zinnia seeds to take home and nurture until

the plants are hardy enough to transplant into the garden or give to a friend.

So that we can estimate soup and sandwich requirements, there are sign up posters upstairs and down or contact the church office at (518) 861-8711 or [info@altamontreformed.org](mailto:info@altamontreformed.org). And just a heads up… “Project Chocolate Chip” kicks off promptly at 6:00 so… (kids especially), come with your sleeves rolled up. (You will be hearing more about a second Big Faith Family gathering being planned for a summer evening.)

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE-VOLUNTEER FOR OUR NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER**

Our next dinner is Monday, May 6. Volunteering for a dinner isn’t just work, it is lots of fun. We have experienced volunteers to guide you with any task. There are sign-up sheets for specific tasks in Fellowship Hall. You can also call the church office or email Nancy at [nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

“Dear Altamont Reformed Church community,

On behalf of the Richard R. Murray Animal Shelter, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of dog food, cat food, and treats that were collected from your 4th annual Joel Edwards, DVM memorial pet food drive.

The shelter is very fortunate to receive your charitable gift. It will certainly help make our animals more comfortable in their temporary home.

Sincerely, Daniel P. McNally

Chief of Police

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:**

**Jim Pavoldi**; **Claudette Riek**; **Erin Parker**; **Jan Davis**; **Sher Seppa**; **Natalie**, daughter of Judi’s brother Jack; **Sandra**, daughter of Lois and Ron Ginsburg; **Brian**, brother-in-law of MarianneBaratier; **Emmit**, Diane Stedman’s grandson; **Curt Damhof**; **Nicole**, friend of the Sargents

**THOSE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH ISSUES:**

**John & Marlene Williams**; **Mona Shuker**; **Patti Percoski**; **Eric & Paige Tooker** (Cystic Fibrosis); **Paula and Karen Eagan**; **Barbara Ryan;** Keith Baratier’sfather **Paul**; **Becky Bryne**, neighbor of Deb and Steve Ritzko

I**N LONG TERM CARE: Clara and Ralph Lasselle**, inKingsway Community Assisted Living; **Jeanne Picard-Fish**,at Daughters of Sarah; **Joan Whinnery**, at Judson Meadows Ass’t Living in Glenville; **Nancy Harrigan** at Glendale Home in Scotia

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

If you have a name to add to our prayer corner list, or an update, please call the church office or email Nancy at [nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com).

***ALTAMONT REFORMED CHURCH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE***

***The Altamont Reformed Church is a community of Christian believers called by God to be part of the living Body of Christ, to worship God our King and to obey Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to study the Bible and live the Good News. We endeavor to serve and care for each other and to reach out to the world, sharing God’s love and inviting all to join in joyful discipleship.***

**CONSISTORY**

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