



# Altamont Reformed Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

Prelude

“Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te” Léon Boëllmann  
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

**WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Votum

Welcome

## **Call to Worship**

Followers of Jesus, what do we seek this morning?

**We seek healing from what the world and our sin has done to us.**

Know this: Here in this place,

**Jesus will have compassion on us, and he will heal us.**

What else do we seek?

**We seek God's provisions, for we are hungry for what will truly nourish us.**

Know this: Here in this place,

**We will take the bread of new birth, and start our lives anew!**

Let us worship the One who compassionately gathers us in.

**\*Hymn: “Here In This Place (Gather Us In)” (Purple) #401**

### Prayer of Confession

Good God, we come before you, confessing our deep need for your provisions. Like the crowds in the wilderness, we find ourselves in the desolate places of life, hungry and in need of sustenance. We confess trying to solely rely on our own strength and resources, forgetting you are the source of goodness. Help us to trust in your unfailing care, knowing that you are the ultimate provider, capable of meeting all our needs. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 14:14**

“When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.”

### **The Law of God: John 6:35**

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

### **\*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.

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACREMENT**

### **Children’s Message: Fish and Poi**

### **\*Hymn: Break Thou the Bread of Life (Purple) #460**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 (New Testament p. 16)**

## Sermon: Providence in Sorrow

### **\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (Laminated Card)

Communion Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life" (Purple) #522

Words of Institution (Laminated Card)

## WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

### Thanksgiving After Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**  
as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**  
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

### 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 followed by 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: “Now the Lord Our Souls Has Fed” (insert)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**“Toccata in E Minor”**

**Johann Pachelbel**

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

**WELCOME as we worship together.**

**TODAY WE WELCOME**

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