



# Altamont Reformed Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

Prelude

“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

J.S. Bach

Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Votum

Welcome

## Call to Worship

Glory be to you, O God of all Creation.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ, for our salvation.**

Though we have wandered, you have welcomed us.

**Though we have separated ourselves, you have joined us.**

Gather us into your love, and change our hearts, so that we shall love others.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Amen.**

\*Hymn: “For the Fruit of All Creation” (Purple) #36

## Prayer of Confession

Gentle God, we have wandered away from you,  
from your love, and from what gives you deepest delight in our lives,  
so our lives become hollow and hungry, lost and lonely.

We return to you.

**Receive us, accept us, forgive us, nourish us and bless us.**

**May we always be yours. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-14**  
**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.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

**Children's Message**

**\*Hymn: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (Purple) #415**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11; (Old Testament pp. 171 & 172)  
& Luke 15:11-32 (New Testament pp. 78 & 79)**

**Sermon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We love and trust you, God, creator of all things. You have made all people in your image. You are our home, and the loving parent of all humanity.**

**We follow your Christ, who embraced all people, who created hospitality for all who are rejected, and who by his grace made a place for us and for all in the Household of God. Though he too was rejected and killed, he was raised again, and in his resurrection creates a place for us in eternal life.**

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, who joins us into one household, one people, one Body. By the power of that Spirit we devote ourselves to the hospitality of Christ, to welcome the outcast, to serve the poor, and to live lives of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation, in order to embody resurrection, for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.

## WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

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: "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" (Purple) #542

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

"Voluntary V"

John Stanley

\* indicates the congregation stands, if able.

**WELCOME** as we worship together.

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

- **WORKSHEETS AND SACK COLORING PAGES FOR CHILDREN** are available in the front of the sanctuary.
- **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are in the back of the sanctuary. They are small and easy to use.
- **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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 30**

Greeters.....Cheryl Osterhout & Rick Flaherty  
Counters.....Cheryl Osterhout & Nancy Twaddell  
Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend  
AV Support.....Mike Gilman

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>August 6</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>August 20</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Kristy Dame	Angie Stewart & Michelle Stevens	Sallie Townsend
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Jim Dame & Tracy Mayer	Angie Stewart & Michelle Stevens	Community Worship
<b>AV Volunteer</b>	Ryan Brewer	Tom Boink	In Orsini Park

**COMING UP**

**OUR CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING WILL CLOSE AT 11:00 A.M. THIS COMING FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 OUR WORSHIP SERVICE HOUR CHANGES TO 9:30 A.M.**  
The Rev. Trey Tirpak will be our guest worship leader and communion will be celebrated.

- The month of August our worship hour **BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M., EXCEPT** for Sunday, August 20, which is our 10:00 a.m. Community Worship Service in Orsini Park

Mon. Aug. 7 Paving of the church parking lot. The church office and building will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Sun. Aug. 13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Guest Worship Leader Rev. Lindsey de Kruijff