



Altamont Reformed Church
Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024

Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hermann Schroeder
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

THE LITURGY OF APPROACH

Votum

Call to Worship

The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!

The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!

O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!

***Hymn: “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (Purple) #41**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

you despise nothing you have made

and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

Create in us new and contrite hearts,

that, truly repenting of our sins

and acknowledging our brokenness,

we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,

full pardon and forgiveness,

through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10

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 “Lord, I Come to Your Table” Mark Weston

Refrain: Lord, I come to your table; make a place for me. Guilty by sins, I'm unable; help me to be free. Let me share the bread and wine, and in true fulfillment find true forgiveness in your arms of love.

Lord, I come to your table, weary, tired and worn, seeking pure refreshment, yearning for your love. Lift me up and cheer my soul, raise my spirits, make me whole; let me live in hope with you, my Lord.

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that blood lose all their guilty stains.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Children's Message

***Hymn: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (Purple) #688**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:1-17 (New Testament pp. 48 & 49)

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: "Feed Us, Lord" (Purple) #501

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: "Take My Life" (Purple) #697 vv. 1, 4, 5

*Benediction

Postlude

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” arr. Donald Busarow

* 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, MARCH 3

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY

Greeters..... Craig & Barb Sargent
 Counters.....Barb Sargent & Nancy Twaddell
 Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend
 AV Support.....Ryan Brewer
 Coffee Hour.....John & Natalie Drahzal

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	March 10	March 17	Palm Sunday
Greeters	Lois Ginsburg & Marianne Baratier	Jan Chisholm & Jeff Countermine	John & Natalie Drahzel
Offering Counters	Lois Ginsburg & Mariane Baratier	Jan Chisholm & Jeff Countermine	John Drahzal & Tracy Mayer
AV Volunteer	Tom Boink	Mike Gilman	Ryan Brewer
Coffee Hour	Angie & Charlie Stewart	Betty Ketcham & Dave Glass	Palm Sunday Luncheon

COMING UP

Today 11:30 p.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

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

Mon. March 4 5-6:30 p.m. First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner

7:00 p.m. Men's Study Group

Sun. March 10 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall; Benevolence Comm. mtg.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10.

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

- Towels still needed for CWS hygiene kits
- Join us for our community dinner tomorrow night
- "Blanket The World With Love" Campaign ends next Sunday, March 10
- Joel Edwards Annual Pet Food Drive, March 15-18
- RCA Reconstruction Team virtual meetings this week
- Tuesday, March 19 Women's Potluck Dinner
- It is time to order Easter Flowers
- Palm Sunday Luncheon, Sunday March 24
- Palm Sunday Luncheon volunteer sign-ups

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HYGIENE KITS

To complete more kits we still need: **hand towels (approximately 15" x 28") No fingertip, bath, dish or micro-fiber towels.** Please drop towel donations in the plastic bin in the Missions Corner of Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FREE COMMUNITY DINNER TOMORROW

Join us for good food and fellowship. We serve 5-6:30 p.m. Invite a friend. Thanks always to our amazing volunteers!

"BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE" CAMPAIGN ENDS NEXT SUNDAY

In three weeks our donations total \$1,470! Therefore, we are increasing our goal to \$2,000. Last year our donations totaled \$2005. For each \$10 received a paper heart will be affixed to the wall heart in the sanctuary. Hearts may be dedicated in memory or in honor of someone who has brought love to your life. Checks should be made out to "ARC Benevolence" with "blankets" on the memo line. They can be given to a member of the Benevolence Committee after worship. Church World Service works in both immediate disaster relief and long-term recovery, as well as supporting ongoing community development programs.

ANNUAL JOEL EDWARDS DVM MEMORIAL PET FOOD DRIVE

In memory of Joel and his dedication to animals as an honored veterinarian, we are holding our fourth pet food drive to benefit food pantries and pet shelters in our area.

When: Friday March 15 through Monday, March 18

Donations gladly accepted: Dry dog food (no bags bigger than 20 lbs. please), and either dry or wet cat food

Where can I drop off items? Bins will be located in the back parking lot entryway to the church and at the top of the back staircase under the bulletin board. Baskets will also be in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 17. Thank you for your support of animals in need.

RCA RECONSTRUCTION TEAM VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS...

are this week. Go to the homepage of the RCA website. Scroll down to “Latest News” and click on “Virtual Roundtable Meetings...” You will see the dates and times of the gatherings. To register, click on the one you want, and you will receive a link to that gathering.

WOMEN’S POTLUCK DINNER TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 6:00 P.M.

As spring showers arrive, come celebrate a little Easter and shower our kitchen with some needed items. There is a sign-up list in the back of the sanctuary of items requested by many who use the kitchen. If we left anything off feel free to add. No need to wrap! Any questions or to sign up call Barbara Wilford-518-313-9633.

IT’S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Think about ordering plants for the chancel on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please complete the form available in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or printed in the March ARC Lite. Return forms to John or Natalie Drazal or mail them to John and Natalie at 1512 Thompsons Lake Rd. East Berne, NY 12059, **by Sunday, March 17.** Each plant will be \$15, and all will be in 6” pots. Make checks payable to John or Natalie. If you have questions, you can call them at 518-872-9735.

YOU ARE INVITED: PALM SUNDAY SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON

When? Sunday, March 24, immediately after the morning worship service in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship. **Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan on attending.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

To provide soups, breads, and cookies, and work set up, the kitchen, and clean up after the luncheon. **Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!**

PRAYERS FOR:

Patti Percoski, having surgery on Tuesday; **Jim Pavoldi** remains in Boston after his bone marrow transplant and is in a critical two week period; **Nancy Harrigan**, sister of Jackie Gregory, was moved to a Glendale nursing home for sub-acute rehab; **Mona Shuker** had a hospital stay; **Barbara Ryan**, in the hospital with heart related issues; **Joyce Laiosa**, sister of Steve Ritzko, in the hospital with heart related issues; **Claudette Riek**, in chemotherapy treatments; **Becky Stanley**, neighbor of Deb and Steve Ritzko in the hospital for an extended time; **Anne Tripple**, sister-in-law of Kitt Jackson, recovering from a cardiac procedure

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Linda Santy, Kitt's sister-in-law; **Natalie**, daughter of Judi's brother Jack; **Jan Davis**; **Sandra**, daughter of Lois and Ron Ginsburg; **Brian**, brother-in-law of Marianne Baratier; **Emmit**, Diane Stedman's grandson; Keith Baratier's father **Paul**; **Curt Damhof**; **John & Marlene Williams**; **Paige and Eric Tooker** (Cystic Fibrosis); **Paula and Karen Eagan**; **Lois Wood**; **Becky Bryne**, neighbor of Deb and Steve Ritzko; **Clara and Ralph Lasselle** in Kingsway Community Assisted Living; **Jeanne Picard-Fish** at Daughters of Sarah; **Joan Whinnery** at Judson Meadows Ass't Living in Glenville

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 Altamont Reformed Church

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