



Altamont Reformed Church  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 26, 2023

Prelude

Betty Ketcham, Pianist

### THE LITURGY OF APPROACH

Votum

Welcome

#### Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God,**

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,**

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture,**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

**\*Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Purple) #32**

**Prayer of Confession**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. **Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: based on Revelation 5:5, 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 “Thanks to God for My Redeemer” August L Storm**

**Thanks to God for my Redeemer, thanks for all Thou doest provide!**  
**Thanks for times now but a mem’ry, thanks for Jesus by my side!**  
**Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, thanks for dark and stormy fall!**  
**Thanks for tears by now forgotten, thanks for peace within my soul!**  
**Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered, thanks for what Thou doest deny!**  
**Thanks for storms that I have weathered, thanks for all Thou doest supply!**  
**Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure, thanks for comfort in despair!**  
**Thanks for grace that none can measure, thanks for love beyond compare!**  
**Thanks for roses by the wayside, thanks for thorns their stems contain!**

Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, thanks for hope, that sweet  
refrain!

Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, thanks through all eternity!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Children's Message

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

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3 (Old Testament pp. 355 & 356)

### Sermon

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—  
which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—  
we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning,  
through all the crises of our times,  
until his kingdom fully comes,  
God keeps covenant forever.

Our world belongs to God!

God is King! Let the earth be glad!

Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.

Praise the Lord!

Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.

There he hears our prayers,

pleads our cause before the Father,  
and rules our world.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do,

for we believe that one day

every evil and all opposition to God's loving desires shall be crushed.

Then his kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF RESPONSE

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: "My Life Flows On" (Purple) #821

\*Benediction

Postlude

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

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

THANK YOU to **Betty Ketcham**, who so generously shares her special gift of music with us.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**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.....John & Natalie Drahzal  
 Counters.....Natalie Drahzal & Carol Lennebacker  
 Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend  
 AV Support.....Tom Boink

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>December 17</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Kathy Johnson	Claudette Riek & Deb McKee	Jeff Gregory & Jeff Countermine
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Kathy Johnson & Linda Warnken	Claudette Riek & Deb McKee	Jeff Gregory & Jeff Countermine
<b>AV Volunteer</b>	Michael Gilman	Ryan Brewer	Tom Boink

**COMING UP**

Today 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Fall Altamont/Helderberg Book Group at ARC  
 Thurs. Nov. 30 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 Sat. Dec. 2 4-6pm Advent/Potluck Night; 9am Benevolence Comm. meeting  
 Sun. Dec. 3 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion  
 11:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Fall Altamont/Helderberg Book Group at ARC

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

- **Volunteers Needed for Next First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner**
- **Community Dinner Cancellation Policy**
- **Forms to Dedicate Poinsettia for Advent and Christmas Due Today**
- **Advent Night and Potluck This Saturday, December 2**
- **ARC's Living Nativity is Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m.**
- **ARC Needs Volunteers to Fill the Roles of Angels and Shepherds**
- **Advent Worship Opportunities**
- **Ladies Potluck Tuesday, December 12 at 6pm**
- **Prayer Corner**

## **VOLUNTEER FOR OUR NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER**

Our next dinner is Monday, December 4. We still have lots of spots to fill. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. You can also email Nancy at the church office. We still need:

2 volunteers to help set up tables and chairs on Sun. Dec. 3

2 volunteers on Mon. Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m. to wrap silverware, set out place settings, salt and pepper

1 person to switch and replace crockpots and spaghetti

1 volunteer to help Charlie Stewart make spaghetti and meatballs

1 person to set up the beverage table with coffee, tea etc.

1 person to plate and serve desserts and set out drinks

1 person to greet at the parking lot back door

4 volunteers to clear plates and silverware in F. Hall and reset the place settings

3 volunteers to clean up the hall after the dinner

2 volunteers to donate 2 doz. cupcakes Thank you!

## **COMMUNITY DINNER CANCELLATION POLICY DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER**

ARC has decided to cancel dinners in severe weather when Guilderland schools cancel classes or close early. A message will also be placed on the church answering machine (518-861-8711) and Facebook page.

## **POINSETTIA FORMS FOR THE CHANCEL 2023 DUE TODAY**

The flower committee is making a change in regard to the poinsettia plants in the sanctuary. We are replacing the live plants with silk arrangements. We will still take donations for dedication for loved ones, as in the past to defray the cost of the plants. Their names will be placed in the bulletin as done previously. The only difference is that you will not be taking one home, as in the past. Your donation of \$10 will help pay for them this year. **Cash or checks payable to John or Natalie Drahzal along with the reservation form with your dedication listed are due today.** See John or Natalie today or place the form in their box downstairs. **The forms are available in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.**



## **LADIES POTLUCK DINNER DECEMBER 12**

It is Tuesday, December 12, at 6pm. Join in holiday fun and a “white elephant” gift exchange. (Must be something in your home you don’t want, or need, anymore.) Come and enjoy some fellowship, food, and fun! If you can, please sign up in Fellowship Hall, so Barbara Wilford has an idea of the number of ladies coming. You do not need to list the dish you will share. For more information contact Barbara at 518-313-9633.

**PRAYERS FOR:** Angie’s sister **Lori**, who saw her surgeon and faces surgery and possibly more radiation treatments in the future; **Curt Damhof**, husband of Sandy, former UAlbany Campus Minister, whose lymphoma has returned and has started chemo; **Jan Davis**; **Jim Pavoldi**; Keith Baratier’s father, **Paul**; **Brian Cummings**, brother-in-law of Marianne Baratier; **Barbara Ryan**

**SYMPATHY TO:** The family of **Rhonda Ballou**, neighbor of Kitt Jackson, who died this past week

**THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES:** **Patti Percoski**; **Paige and Eric Tooker** (Cystic Fibrosis); **Paula and Karen Eagan**; **Lois Wood**; **Becky Bryne**, neighbor of Deb and Steve Ritzko

**IN LONG-TERM CARE:** **Clara and Ralph Lasselle** in Kingsway Community Assisted Living; **Jeanne Picard-Fish** at the Atria Guilderland; **Joan Whinnery** at Judson Meadows Ass’t Living in Glenville

## **REQUESTS AND UPDATES FOR PRAYER CORNER**

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

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