



**Altamont Reformed Church**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 5, 2023**

**Prelude**

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

**THE LITURGY OF APPROACH**

**Votum**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

God of power,  
God of wonder,  
God of fire;  
God of patriarchs,  
of prophets,  
of us all:  
**with offerings of praise,**  
**with eyes turned to you,**  
**with hands lifted up,**  
**and hearts freely given:**  
**we call on your name and worship you.**

**\*Hymn: “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Purple) #645**

## Prayer of Confession

You, all-seeing God, know the horrors we have seen, the actions in which we take no pride, the regrets we carry, the fears that paralyze us, but here, in your presence, we are greeted in love: not judgment, not condemnation, but pure, unadulterated love. For you gather us up as beloved children, known by name to you, the God of all nations, races and peoples. As we stand in your presence, despite all that wars within our hearts and minds, may we know your gift of peace that is beyond our understanding, and as that peace settles in, may we come to know the depth of your love and forgiveness and your will that all your people should know healing and wholeness in all of life. **Transform our halting praise into hymns of the Angels. Transform our faltering prayers into affirmations of hope. Transform our hesitant words into proclamations of peace that might change the world in the Name of Christ, Prince of Peace. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

**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**

**“The Meal”**

**Russell Nagy**

**Take and eat for this is My body. This is My body broken for you.**

**Drink of Me for here is My blood, the covenant blood I pour for you.**

**(Repeat)**

**This is My blessing. This is My comfort. This is My forgiveness for you.**

**So, receive of Me freely for in My kingdom one day we'll share them anew.**

**When they strike Me you will be scattered. All will be scattered, hidden from view.**

When I rise, then all will be gathered. Wait to be gathered. I will come for you.

This is My blessing. This is My comfort. This is My forgiveness for you. So, receive of Me freely for in My kingdom one day we'll share them anew. (Repeat)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

### Children's Message

\*Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (Purple) #451

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:17-39 (Old Testament p. 325)

### 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: "Your Only Son" (Purple) #518

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 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: "Change My Heart, O God" (Purple) #695**

**\*Benediction**

Postlude

**"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxtehude**

*\* 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, NOVEMBER 5**

**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.....	Jim & Kristy Dame
Counters.....	Jim Dame & Nancy Twaddell
Side Door Greeter.....	Sallie Townsend
AV Support.....	Tom Boink

## **FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>November 12</b>	<b>November 19</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Laurie Warner & Kelli Moore	Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak	Natalie & John Drahzal
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Laurie Warner & Kelli Moore	Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak	Natalie Drahzal & Carol Lennebacker
<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

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

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

Wed. Nov. 8 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sun. Nov. 12 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

6:30 p.m. Fall Altamont/Helderberg Book Group at ARC

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

- First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner Tomorrow Night
- ARC Pledge Letter with Pledge Form Available and Forms Due Next Sunday
- Nomination Documents Available Today
- Forms to Dedicate Poinsettia for Advent and Christmas Available
- Advent Night and Potluck 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
- Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 3
- New Altar Guild at ARC
- Communications from the RCA
- Prayer Corner

### **JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY DINNER TOMORROW**

We serve 5-6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Thank you to all who volunteered for this month's dinner. We filled every task needed.

### **PLEDGE FORMS DUE NEXT SUNDAY**

Consider pledging to our annual church budget. One does not need to be a member to pledge. Pledge letters including a pledge form, are available in the back of the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall. Please

return the pledge form to Financial Secretary Russ Twaddell, ARC, P.O. Box 671, Altamont, NY 12009, or via an offering plate by **next Sunday, November 12**

### **NOMINATING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TODAY**

Some hard copies of these documents are located in the back of the sanctuary. This year there are a number of upcoming vacancies on our ARC Consistory and the need for three persons to serve as at-large members of the Nominating Committee. The documents were also sent by email to save postage and paper costs. Return the form to the church office either in person or by mail or email to Nancy McNiven ([nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com)) or to Barb Sargent. You can place the form in Barb's mailbox at church, give it to her, or email her at [cbsargent@hotmail.com](mailto:cbsargent@hotmail.com). **The form suggesting persons to be considered for the offices of Elder and Deacon and at-large members on the Nominating Committee are due no later than Wednesday, November 15.**

### **POINSETTIA FOR THE CHANCEL 2023**

The flower committee is making a change in regard to the poinsettia plants in the sanctuary. We have replaced 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. The change comes for a number of reasons. The plants will never lose their leaves, do not need to be watered, and the heat fluctuations in the sanctuary will not affect them. Also, it will help with heat efficiency, as the sanctuary fans can be left on. 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 by November 26. **The forms are available in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.**

### **ARC ADVENT/POTLUCK NIGHT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4-6 PM**

Help us prepare for Advent. Join us as we hang the greens and decorate the sanctuary and church building. There will also be an activity opportunity available. Then share in a potluck dinner. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to let us know how many people to expect, and what you will share at the potluck. You can also call the church office or email Nancy at [nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com). Please invite a friend! The first Sunday of Advent is December 3.

### **ARC'S LIVING NATIVITY IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 3:00 P.M.**

Our Living Nativity will take place on the front lawn of our church. Invite a friend and watch the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, presented in this very unique and beautiful way. Our nativity presentation is part of Altamont's 2023 WinterFest holiday celebration.

### **ARC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO FILL THE ROLES OF ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS**

Be part of our Living Nativity on December 10. Call Natalie and John Drahzal at 518-872-9735, or email them at [drahz03@gmail.com](mailto:drahz03@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

### **SAVE THE DATE: ARC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Our annual meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Needed documents will be sent out via email shortly before the meeting, and some hard copies will be available the day of the meeting. ARC committee representatives will be available to answer questions or supply more detail on their annual committee reports. Other items on the agenda include electing new members to our Consistory and a discussion on the projected 2024 church budget.

### **NEW ALTAR GUILD AT ARC**

The Worship Life Committee has been working on organizing some of the many tasks that go on behind the scenes and add so much to our life as a church. These include changing the banners, the altar flowers, polishing silver, and many other things. We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to take on small tasks on an as needed basis. If this sounds like something that might interest you, please speak with any member of the Worship Life Committee.

### **TWO COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA**

- **WEBINAR ON THE CARING OF CREATION:** The Reformed Church Center at New Brunswick Theological Seminary continues to discuss creation care. A second session of the creation care series will be held Wednesday, November 15 from noon-1:30 p.m. You must register online on the Reformed Church Center website. For more information contact Nancy at the church office.
- **CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE:** The Reformed Church in America is a founding member of Churches for Middle Eastern Peace. You can go to their website to learn more about this organization. They urge you to contact your congressional members to co-sponsor the Ceasefire Now Resolution HRes768.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:** Jan Davis in Sunnyview rehab; Jim Pavoldi; Deb Ritzko's brother, Bob Haines; Keith Baratier's father, Paul; Brian Cummings, brother-in-law of Marianne Baratier; Lori, sister of Angie Stewart; Barbara Ryan

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