



Altamont Reformed Church
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

Prelude

“Praeludium”

Hermann Schroeder
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

THE LITURGY OF APPROACH

Votum

Welcome

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Purple) #267**

Prayer of Confession

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus,
by too many things
and too much to do.

We are driven by the need to succeed
and distracted from our service.

We have often lost our way.

Forgive us.

**Let us, like Mary of Bethany,
find the one thing that is needed
and sit at your feet. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8–13
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 Lamb of God”

Twila Paris

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,
the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.

O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5 (Old Testament pp. 279 & 280)

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, Creator of all things,
who is pure compassion,
who loves us unconditionally,
who is present with us in good times and bad,
who is our salvation.

We trust in Christ, the embodiment of God's love,
the love and healer of our souls,
who saves us, forgiving our failures,
washing away our betrayals,
who teaches us life's deepest things:
how to pray, how to love,
how to be gentle with each other.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, God's power flowing in us,
that comforts the faithful,
empowers us to love as we have been loved,

and joins us together as the Body of Christ.
We believe we are sent in that Spirit
to heal, to forgive, to do justice,
to radiate the love of God, in the name of Christ. 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: "Take My Life" (Purple) #697**

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*