



Altamont Reformed Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

Prelude “Adagio from Fantaisie in C Major” Cesar Franck
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Votum

Welcome

Call to Worship

Creator God, maker of earth and provider of life,

You are our bread, and our strength.

Loving Christ, willing to love at the cost of your life,

you are our courage and our hope.

Holy Spirit, you give us a world to serve for you.

You are our love, our belonging, and our calling. We worship you.

***Hymn: “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Purple) #15**

Prayer of Confession

God of love, help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love,

to see what is in us that is loving,

and what is not loving.

God, we recall when we have been in harmony with you, or with life, and we give thanks.

(Silence)

We recall when we have been out of harmony, and we seek your grace.

(Silence)

God of mercy, in Christ you have shown us your grace.

Forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:13-14

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.

Ministry of Music

“One Step He Leads”

Pepper Chopin

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Children’s Message

***Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Purple) #286**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:4b-25 (Old Testament p. 2)

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith**

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

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: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (Purple) #700**

***Benediction**

Postlude “Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us” Johann Gottfried Walther

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME as we worship together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY

Greeters & Counters.....Jan Davis & Laurie Warner
Side Door Greeter..... Sallie Townsend
AV Support.....Michael Gilman

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	September 17	September 24	October 1
Greeters	Lois Ginsburg & Deb McKee	Natalie & John Drazal	Marianne Baratier & Deb Ritzko
Offering Counters	Lois Ginsburg & Deb McKee	John Drazal & Nancy Twaddell	Marianne Baratier & Deb Ritzko
AV Volunteer	Ryan Brewer	Tom Boink	Michael Gilman

COMING UP

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

Tues. Sept. 12 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee meeting

Thurs. Sept. 14

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sat. Sept. 16 1-3pm Church Picnic at Bozenkill Park

Sun. Sept 17 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 p.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall; Benevolence and Worship Life
Committee meetings

SIGN UP TODAY: CHURCH PICNIC THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Where? Altamont's Bozenkill Park, Large Pavilion, 6374 Gun Club Road

What food will we provide? The Congregational Life Committee will provide chicken as a main dish, water or lemonade, and paper products.

What Do You Bring? Please bring a dish to pass.

A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Please include your name, number of people attending, and what food donation you are bringing. You can also email Nancy at the church office, nancymacarc@gmail.com.

Bozenkill Park has walking trails, athletic fields, and a playground. Join us for good food, fellowship and fun. Contact picnic chair, Noreen Novack, with questions. (noreennovak12@gmail.com)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The ARC retreat will be held Saturday, September 23, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you have signed up and have not sent or paid your \$10 registration fee to Kitt Jackson, please do so as soon as possible to confirm your participation. Checks can be made out to Kitt Jackson and mailed to 10 Rita Court, Delmar, NY 12054. You can also put a note and your check in Kitt's mailbox at church. The day of the retreat please bring a Bible, your journal or notebook, and a pen.

ARC COMMUNITY DINNERS RETURN MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Our very popular First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner returns October 2. We serve 5:00-6:30 p.m. Don't miss a chance to enjoy good food and fellowship. Invite a friend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY DINNERS

Volunteering for our dinners isn't just work, it is also fun, and a great way to meet people. Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall list all the tasks needed for each meal. We have experienced volunteers who are glad to help newcomers. Your commitment is just for the current month, but don't be surprised if you sign up again.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP IS BACK AND CAN USE MORE VOLUNTEERS

Coffee hour doesn't just happen. We have a team of dedicated volunteers who make coffee and drinks, set out the "goodies", and set up and clean up after coffee hour. Our team operates on a rotating basis. The more people who volunteer to join the team, or even pick a week or two to host a coffee hour, means our team members get a break. If you are interested in joining the team or volunteering to host a week or two, see any of our team members: John and Natalie Drazal, Dave Glass, Barb Sargent, or Angie and Charlie Stewart. Thank you.

"GOODIES" NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR

We are going to do a repeat of last season and ask individuals to donate food items for any coffee hour. They can be homemade or purchased and need to be plated. If you bring in something that contains peanuts or peanut oil, please indicate this. Thank you.

ADD YOUR VOICE TO OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir is starting a new season. New members are always welcome! Talk to Stephanie Brewer if you have any questions.

SAVING FOR PAVING GOAL ACCOMPLISHED!

Thanks to a second very generous donation and the donations of so many we reached our \$40,000 goal! We now have a safe and newly paved and marked parking lot that will serve us and our community for a long time.

THE OFFICE HAS A NEW COMPUTER

Special thanks to Bill Johnson and son-in-law Ken Crosby, who have spent hours setting up the computer and retrieving vital information from our old computer.

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

ARC has a subscription and the September, October, November issue can be found in the sanctuary. Each day there is a scripture passage, reflection, question, and prayer.

REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please call the church office or email Nancy at nancymacarc@gmail.com with any changes to:

- Prayer Corner: If you have a name to add to our prayer corner list, or an update
- If you have moved or have changed your phone or cell number, or email address

Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR:

Natalie's sister, **Carolann**, undergoing stroke protocol after serious emergency surgery; Keith Baratier's father, **Paul**, fell and was transferred to Albany Med from upstate New York, with serious heart issues; **Peg Jackson**, Kitt's sister-in-law; **Brian Cummings**, brother-in-law of Marianne Baratier; and **Lori**, sister of Angie Stewart, all in treatments; **Jim Pavoldi**; **Barbara Ryan**

THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES: Patti Percoski; Eric Tooker; Paula and Karen Eagan; Lois Wood

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

ALTAMONT REFORMED CHURCH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Altamont Reformed Church is a community of Christian believers called by God to be part of the living Body of Christ, to worship God our King and to obey Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to study the Bible and live the Good News. We endeavor to serve and care for each other and to reach out to the world, sharing God's love and inviting all to join in joyful discipleship.

CONSISTORY

Rev. Matthew J. van Maastricht

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