



Altamont Reformed Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023

Prelude

“Antiphon V”

Marcel Dupre
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Votum

Welcome

Call to Worship

In our solitude, God, you accompany us.

In all our struggles, it is you we wrestle with.

Holy Mystery, seize us in your grace.

Bless us, and make us new. Amen.

***Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (Purple) #1**

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.

We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,

and quick to question Your presence and Your power.

Forgive us.

Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.

**Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—
to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.**

**And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.**

We praise You for Your faithful love,

and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 1:18

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 “I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”

Jay Alhouse

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Children’s Message

***Hymn: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” (Purple) #837**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31 (Old Testament p. 30)

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith**

God, we love you and we trust you. Holy Mystery, in our loneliness you accompany us. In our struggles you struggle with us. In our hunger you feed us. Limping from our encounter with you, we are blessed and made new. We give you thanks.

Jesus Christ, we love you and we trust you. In our wondering you teach us. In our hunger you feed us. In our fear you empower us. In our dying you die with us; in your rising you rise with us. We will not let go of you, for you will bless us. We give you our thanks.

Holy Spirit, in the sunless places in our lives, in the night of unseeing, you are the faithful presence. In our struggles you are our foe and our friend. In our inadequacy you are the miraculous power. Restored by your presence in us, we go forth to love. Alleluia.

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: “Bring Many Names” (Purple) #760**

***Benediction**

Postlude “Basse et Dessus de Trompette” Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

** 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, SEPTEMBER 17

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

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| Greeters..... | John & Natalie Drahzal |
| Counters..... | John Drahzal and Nancy Twaddell |
| Side Door Greeter..... | Sallie Townsend |
| AV Support..... | Tom Boink |

