



Altamont Reformed Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Prelude

Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Votum

Welcome

Call to Worship

God, you have heard the cries of your people.

You know the pain of those who suffer injustice.

You have called us to help set them free.

You have invited us to take up our cross and love despite the cost.

Give us compassion to hear the cries of the oppressed.

Give us courage to follow Jesus.

Speak to us, that our hearts, too,

may burn and not be consumed.

***Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Purple) #14

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we cling to our lives.
We protect and provide for ourselves
We do not love perfectly, afraid of the cost.
**Forgive our selfishness, heal our fear,
and deepen our trust in your grace,
that we may let go of our lives,
take up the cross of love,
and receive true life from you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-19

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACREMENT

Children's Message

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (New Testament pp. 161 & 162)

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 (Laminated Card)

Communion Hymn: "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

(Purple) #522

Words of Institution (Laminated Card)

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving After Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

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: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (Purple) #727**

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME as we worship together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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.....Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak
Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend
AV Support.....Tom Boink

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	September 10	September 17	September 24
Greeters	Jan Davis & Laurie Warner	Lois Ginsburg & Deb McKee	John & Natalie Drahzal
Offering Counters	Jan Davis & Laurie Warner	Lois Ginsburg & Deb McKee	John Drahzal & Nancy Twaddell
AV Volunteer	Michael Gilman	Ryan Brewer	Tom Boink

COMING UP

Thursday, September 7 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 14 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Our church office will be closed tomorrow, Labor Day.

JOIN US FOR: OUR CHURCH PICNIC 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.

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)

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR BUS TRIP

The Congregational Life Committee is asking people who would like to take a trip to see this show featuring the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, to please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall and sign your name under the date(s). Ask your friend to join us.

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. Watch soon for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall that 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.

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:

Barbara Ryan; Peg Jackson, Kitt's sister-in-law; **Brian Cummings**, brother-in-law of Marianne Baratier; and **Lois**, sister of Angie Stewart, all in treatments; **Jim Pavoldi**

CONGRATULATIONS to David Lasselle and Jasmin McPherson who were married yesterday.

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.

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