



# Altamont Reformed Church

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

Prelude: "Worthy is Christ"

Hillert  
Audrey Daly, Organist

## WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

### Call to Worship: from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever!**

In our distress, we cried to the LORD,

and he answered by setting us free.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever.**

The LORD is our strength and our song;

He has become our salvation.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever.**

We will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever.**

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

**The LORD has done this;**

**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*Hymn: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (Blue) #217**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and hungry  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed  
and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak  
and abuse the earth you have made.

**Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power**

**to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus the Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

**The Law of God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!**

**People: And also with you!**

**\*Gloria Patri (Blue) #623**

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 without end. Amen, Amen.

## **Ministry of Music: “Lift Your Voice and Sing, He is Risen!”** Lloyd Larson

In the early morning light on the first day of the week the women made their way to the tomb, still filled with grief.

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for I know you seek the Lord who was crucified.

He is not here, for Christ is risen! He is not here, for Christ is risen.

He is not here; Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!”

Lift your voice and sing, He is risen! Christ is risen just as He said.

Do not weep anymore; let your spirit soar. He’s alive!

Lift your voice and sing, He is risen! Christ is risen just as He said.

Be no longer afraid; see the tomb where He laid. He’s alive! Christ is alive!

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

Lift your voice and sing, He is risen! Christ is risen just as He said.

Do not weep anymore; let your spirit soar. He’s alive! He’s alive!

Lift your voice and sing, He is risen! Christ is risen just as He said.

Be no longer afraid; see the tomb where He laid. Celebrate this day. He’s alive! Christ is alive!

## **Children's Message**

**\*Hymn of Preparation: “He Lives” (Blue) #220**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading:** John 20:1-18 (New Testament Pages 114 and 115)

### **Sermon**

## **WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

from “Our Song of Hope” (RCA)

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God’s world.**

**In his death,**

**the justice of God is established;**

**forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.**

**On the day of his resurrection,**

**the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him;**

**death was defeated; new life had come.**

**God’s purpose for the world was sealed.**

**Offertory: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise”**

Brubaker

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Ministry of Music: “Early In The Morning”**

Clifford McCormick

Early in the morning at the rising sun, they came unto the sepulcher

And they said among themselves, “Who shall roll away the stone?

Who shall roll away the stone from the door?”

Early in the morning at the rising sun, they came unto the sepulcher.

But when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**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: “Christ Arose” (Blue) # 216**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude: “Fanfare”**

Jacques Lemmens

*\* indicates the congregation stands, if able.*