



Altamont Reformed Church

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

Prelude

“Adagio on D-flat (Consolation)”

Franz Liszt

Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship

We come to worship on a day filled with mixed emotions:
celebration and shouts of ‘Hallelujah!’,
entrance into the city of Jerusalem,
a beating drum of judgment coming closer for Jesus.

We come to worship at the start of a week filled with mixed emotions:
precious moments with friends, hospitality and food,
betrayal and corruption, trial and execution.

We come this hour filled with mixed emotions:
singing in praise with palm branches waving,
weeping in despair at innocence snuffed out,
yet still we come.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: Insert “The Palms”

Prayer of Confession

It is our privilege and pleasure to lay our lives before you and proclaim faithfulness to the Kingdom you seek for the world. Though we try hard, we recognize that we are not perfect and we make many mistakes: some small; some large; sometimes we deny you; sometimes we withhold love; sometimes we reduce others to tears; sometimes we cause hurt. Yet forgiveness is your promise to us.

Though we remain undeserving, this day we thank you for the assurance of mercy which you extend to us. May we respond with a new willingness to live faithfully in this world; working for the good of all. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

from Rom. 5:5, 8; Heb. 4:16

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

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

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Allen Pote

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son, to the Son, the Son of David.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Crowds of children join in singing, hear the loud hosannas ringing, to the King of Glory bringing songs of praise.

He is here, the true Messiah, Israel, rejoice! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Mighty ruler, our defender, coming now in royal splendor, humble King to you
we render songs of praise! He is here, the true Messiah, Israel, rejoice!
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Children’s Message

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Purple) #196

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 12:12-27 & 19:16b-22

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God:

Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Announcements

Offering “Make Your Face Shine (Psalm 31)” Jay Weldon Wilkey

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: “A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd” (Purple) #200

Benediction

Postlude “Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II” Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME as we worship together in person or in spirit through our Zoom space.

SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON TODAY

Please join us immediately after the morning worship service in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 10

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Ushers & Greeters..... Cheryl Osterhout & Rick Flaherty
Counters..... Rick Flaherty & Mike Gilman
Side Door Greeter..... Sallie Townsend
AV Support Mike Mayer

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	Easter	April 24	May 1
Ushers & Greeters	Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak	Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier	Kelli Moore & Chris Tucker
Offering Counters	Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak	Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier	Kelli Moore & Chris Tucker
AV Support	Tom Boink	Ryan Brewer	Mike Gilman

EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14, 7 pm, Service of Tenebrae and Communion with Lynnwood Reformed Church at Lynnwood Reformed

Good Friday

Friday, April 15, 1 pm, Ecumenical Worship at ARC with the carrying of the crosses to St. John's Lutheran Church

Easter

Sunday, April 17, 6:30 am, Sunrise Service at Pleasant View Farm
10:30 a.m. Worship Service in person and on Zoom

ALSO COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tues. April 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Sanctuary open for quiet prayer

Tues., April 12, 7:00 p.m.: Congregational Life Committee meeting

Thurs. April 14, 6:00 p.m.: Soup Supper at Lynnwood Reformed Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER

Since we have a joint worship with Lynnwood, at Lynnwood, ARC has been invited to their Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. If you are planning to attend, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall today or call the church office by noon tomorrow morning. Thank you.

SAVE THESE DATES

Consistory has set these dates for Congregational forums to discuss and receive input on the possible yoking with Helderberg Reformed Church.

Sunday, April 24 11:30 a.m.

Meeting in person only right after worship in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 24 7:00 p.m.

Meeting on Zoom; please use the link normally used for worship services, available on the homepage of our website

Tuesday, April 26 7:00 p.m.

Meeting in person only in Fellowship Hall

OUR PALM BRANCHES THIS MORNING ARE ECO-PALMS

At least half of the farmers in the central Peten of Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds, and more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds. The University of Minnesota Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management (CINRAM) work together with the Rainforest Alliance TREES program and Smartwood to certify palms harvested from the forests of Mexico and Guatemala for sale to Christian congregations in the USA and Europe. We are part of a growing number of Albany Synod and other RCA congregations who support this initiative.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your gifts received in the special offering envelopes marked "Easter" will be equally divided between ARC's Deacons' Fund, the Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry at UAlbany, and the RCA Global Mission European Crisis Fund.

ANNUAL ARC CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 30

From 9:00 a.m.-noon, join members of the Property Committee for their annual clean-up day, when they spruce up the church grounds and do a little spring cleaning. If possible please bring a pair of gloves and a rake. Email Greg Goutos at ggoutos@nycap.rr.com or call him on his cell at 518-495-0148 if you plan on attending. Thank you!

CROP HUNGER WALK MAY 1

The Albany CROP Hunger Walk will take place on May 1, starting at First Lutheran Church in Albany at 1:30pm, but participants are welcome to walk in their own neighborhoods if

they prefer. ARC's team now has three members (Kitt Jackson, Angie Stewart, and Chris Tucker). See Kitt if you want to join the team. You can also join the team On-line or make a donation to the team by going to www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny and entering the name of the team or walker. Or, you can write a check to CWS/CROP and give to one of the walkers. 25% of the funds raised support local food pantries while the remainder is used by Church World Service and its partners for global hunger relief and development programs, including responding to the refugee crisis in Europe.

OUR AUDIO & VIDEO TEAM SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

Each week, one sees a familiar face behind the AV equipment in the sanctuary. Without the dedicated efforts of our AV team, we could not provide the zoom option for our worship services. One familiar face is now permanently missing, since Nancy Webb moved to Georgia.

We need to fill Nancy's place on the team. Our four remaining AV members could also use some help. We need new team members so that we can provide adequate coverage for every worship service, while minimalizing coverage days for the existing members.

One of our team members, Tom Boink, has volunteered to take Nancy's place as team leader. It would be helpful if new volunteers are familiar with AV equipment, but it is not a necessity. If you are interested in joining this significant ministry, see Tom at church or email him at thomas.boink@ge.com. Thanks!!!!

ARC SANCTUARY OPEN EACH TUESDAY EVENING

Every Tuesday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, the ARC sanctuary will be open as a place for personal and private prayer. Please pray for Ukraine and for anything else that weighs heavily upon you.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

If you have an update or a name to add to our prayer corner list, please call the church office or email Nancy at nancymacarc@gmail.com.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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