



Altamont Reformed Church

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

Prelude

Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 57:8-11

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to live into the life that he had shown us and have failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

The Law of God

*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

*Gloria Patri**

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.

Virtual Choir

“The Day of Resurrection!”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad.
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: Acts 4:32-35

Sermon

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Interlude

Affirmation of Faith

From *Our Song of Hope*

Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In his death, the justice of God was 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.

Announcements

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.

Choral Benediction

*Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates the congregation stands, if able

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Ushers/Greeters Clara Lasselle and Jeff Counterline
Side Door Usher/GreeterSallie Townsend
Offering Counters Clara Lasselle and Jeff Counterline
AV Support Michael Gilman

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	April 18	April 25	May 2
Ushers/Greeters	Hal & Mary Hughes	Judi Dineen & Chris Tucker	Judi Dineen & Clara Lasselle
Offering Counters	Hal Hughes & Angie Stewart	Judi Dineen & Chris Tucker	Judi Dineen & Clara Lasselle
AV Support	Ryan Brewer	Stephanie Brewer	Tom Boink

LOOKING FORWARD

Tues., April 13: Congregational Life Committee, 7 p.m.

Sat., April 17: Spring Cleanup Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sun., April 18: Worship Service both in the sanctuary* and on Zoom, 10:30 a.m.

*Seating in the sanctuary is limited due to COVID restrictions. Please follow this procedure to reserve space for your family.

- ◆ Contact the church office by phone (518-861-8711) or email (nancymacarc@gmail.com) between Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.
- ◆ Please provide your name and the number of people in your household who are planning to attend the service on the following Sunday.
- ◆ Reservations must be made week by week; you won't be able to save a place for future Sundays.
- ◆ The office will notify you if the seating limit has been reached. If you are not contacted, your reservation has been accepted.

Guidelines for Worship in the Sanctuary

To be safe and to follow state requirements, please observe the following during our worship service. Thank you for patience, caring for each other, and keeping each of us safe.

- ◆ Please use a hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary
- ◆ Be sure to bring a face covering and wear it while you are in the church building. Maintain a physical distance of six feet from others.
- ◆ In the sanctuary, some pews will be blocked off. Seating will be marked on the remaining pews. Choose an appropriate space. Households may sit together. If there are more than two people in your household, ask a greeter/usher about the best place for your group to sit.
- ◆ Only use the accessible bathroom facility adjacent to Fellowship Hall. Please do not go downstairs or enter Fellowship Hall. This will limit the spaces for cleaning purposes.
- ◆ Please enter and exit the sanctuary using the front and side doors. The back parking lot doors will be locked. Please do not remain after the service and remember to distance while exiting.
- ◆ Feel free to bring your own Bible from home and a cushion for comfortable sitting. There are no hymnals or Bibles in the pews and we have removed the pew cushions.
- ◆ Please do not enter the sanctuary if you have a fever, cough, cold, headache, or have difficulty breathing.
- ◆ Offering boxes will be located at each entrance. Please deposit your offering in one of the boxes while you are entering or leaving the church. Offering plates will not be passed during the service.

Worship Services Continue on Zoom

ARC will continue to offer the virtual option of Zoom services each week. Use the link posted on the homepage of our website. It is the same link we've been using

for the past months. Our weekly bulletin is available as a download and usually is available by Friday afternoon.

Annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 17

Join members of the Property Committee from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for our annual spring cleanup day. We'll spruce up the church grounds and do a little spring cleaning. If possible, please bring a pair of gloves and a rake. E-mail Greg Goutos at ggoutos@nycap.rr.com or call him at 518-495-0148 if you're planning to come.

May 2 CROP Hunger Walk Registration is Open

The 40th anniversary walk in Albany, now known as the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk, will take place on May 2. Like last year, the walk will be virtual. Participants should register online and raise funds that way.

ARC already has a team registered, so if anyone would like to join the team or make a donation to the team or one of the walkers, visit www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny. 25% of the money raised goes to local pantries, including Altamont and Guilderland. The rest is used by Church World Service and its partners for hunger relief and development projects all around the world. If you have questions, call Kitt Jackson at 518-439-9771 or email her at kitt82@verizon.net.

Save These Dates in May:

Wednesday, May 5: Pastor Matthew continues *Five Months on the Book of James* at 7 p.m. We will be studying the second chapter of *James* if you want to read it before the session. The class is conducted on Zoom. Check out the homepage of our website for the zoom and phone links. You do not have to sign up for this class.

Saturday, May 8 – Monday, May 10: Annual Mother's Day collection of baby food, formulas, and juices. We will collect at the worship service on May 9. Bins will be located near the front and side entrances to the sanctuary. You can place items before or after the service. Because we have limited seating in the service, we are extending the collection through Monday. Bins will be located at the top of the

back staircase under the bulletin board by the kitchen door, and a bin will be located in the back parking lot entryway.

Sunday, May 23: ARC will be represented in the Altamont Memorial Day parade with a float celebrating our First Monday Community Dinners. Our Congregational Life Committee is working on the details. Watch future bulletins for more information. The parade begins at 2 p.m. and is part of a full-day celebration.

Recordings of Worship Services

Video or audio recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed from a link on the ARC website home page under “Sermon Recordings.”

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