



Altamont Reformed Church

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

Prelude “Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise” Edward Caswell
Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Votum

Welcome

Introit “An Easter Alleluia” Cindy Berry

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleuia, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleuia, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleuia, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleuia, Alleluia!

Come, hear the news the angel said, “Christ is risen from the dead!”
Look! The stone is rolled away. Christ is ris'n today, today.

Lives again our glorious King! Alleuia, Alleluia!
Where, O Death is now thy sting? Alleuia, Alleluia!.....
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleuia, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleuia, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleuia, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleuia, Alleluia!.....
Christ the Lord is risen, He is risen today. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia!

Our triumphant and holy day!

Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

Alleluia!

Hymn: “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

#248

Prayer of Confession

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun.

Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

The Law of God

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Gloria Patri

#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

“In Your Footsteps”

Nichols/Forrest

Lead me to Gethsemane where all alone You prayed. Let me see the rebel kiss, and where You were betrayed. Then before the angry mob You stood condemned to die. Soon to drink the bitter cup and breathe the mortal sign. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lead me to the wondrous cross where you were crucified. Let me see Your hands and feet and touch Your wounded side. Show me where the piercing thorns were thrust upon Your head. Cruel were the fatal blows You suffered in my stead. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lead me to the empty tomb where on that glorious day You declared the victory and death released its prey. God the Father raised You up to reign with Him on high. Giving me a living hope that I shall never die. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Children’s Message

Hymn: “Thine is the Glory” #238

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church†, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(† “catholic” meaning universal—*all* those who profess faith in the Christ)

Announcements

Offertory

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

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: “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” #239

Benediction

Postlude “Festive Trumpet Tune” David German

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

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

**Greeters/CountersJudi Dineen, Noreen Novak, Lois Ginsburg
Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend
AV Support.....Tom Boink**

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	April 24	May 1	May 8
Ushers & Greeters	Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier	Kelli Moore & Chris Tucker	John & Natalie Drahzal
Offering Counters	Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier	Kelli Moore & Chris Tucker	John & Natalie Drahzal
AV Support	Mike Mayer	Mike Gilman	Mike Mayer

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon., April 18, 7 p.m.: Men's Study Group

Tues. April 19, 6:30-8 p.m.: Sanctuary open for quiet prayer

Wed., April 20, 7 p.m.: Consistory Meeting

Sun., April 24, 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service in the sanctuary and on Zoom

11:30 a.m.: Congregational Forum in Fellowship Hall

7 p.m.: Congregational Forum on Zoom

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.

EASTER FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

Please pick them up today or in Fellowship Hall this Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and noon.

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

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!!!!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR

Please help our coffee hour team by providing food donations for our coffee hour. Choose any week and bring in your donation, either on a Sunday, or late in the week, preferably in

the mornings. Please avoid desserts containing peanuts or peanut oil. Have items plated and ready to serve. Thank you!

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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and In Memory or Honor of Loved Ones:

KEITH & MARIANNE BARATIER
In memory of Dominick and Mary DiNola

BETH BURLINGAME
In memory of Mark Burlingame, Sally & Porter Bidleman, and Al & Mary Lou Kisby

CHRISTINE & DAN CAPUANO

JEFF AND JEANNE COUNTERMINE
In memory of Irv & Ruth Countermines and Herb & Elnora Truesdell

JOHN AND NATALIE DRAHZAL
In memory of Nathan, Norma, Michael, & Keith Frolkey and Jason Drazhal

CAROL DUBRIN
In memory of Harry DuBrin

PAM AND DAVID FIALKOFF
In honor of the Fialkoff and Revitt Families

HAL & MARY HIGHERS
In memory of their parents

KITT JACKSON
In memory of Loved Ones

DEB McKEE

In memory of Jane & Newt Ronan and Roger Keenholtz

NOREEN NOVAK

In memory of Joe, Jeff & Ricky and our parents

DEB RITZKO

In memory of our parents

DIANE AND SARAH STEDMAN

In memory of Hollis Stedman, Jennifer Brennan, Lillian Duffus, & Edwin Wood

CHERYL OSTERHOUT, In memory of Loved Ones

CHARLIE & ANGIE STEWART

In memory of Jack & Theresa Stewart and Marion & Bernie Amell

LYNDA THOMAS

In Memory of Jim Thomas & Faith Pratt

SALLIE & ANTHONY TOWNSEND

In memory of Pete & Shirley Mattice, Aunt Mary, and Joseph Folds, Jr.

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