



# Altamont Reformed Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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*Prelude*

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King”** (Wesley, Darwall)

Audrey Daly, Organist

## WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his love endures forever**

In our anguish we cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good;

**his love endures forever.**

The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good;

**his love endures forever.**

We will not die but live; and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good;

**his love endures forever.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the LORD has made;

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

*Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontented, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.

Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. **Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon:*

Ephesians 2:4-7

*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*

**“Blest Are They”** (David Haas)

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

*Refrain*

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (*Refrain*)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (*Refrain*)

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Scripture Text:* Luke 24:36b-48

*Sermon*

**WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE**

*Interlude*

**“Oh, to See the Dawn”** (Getty & Townsend)

*Affirmation of Faith*

By his resurrection, Christ broke apart the gates of death and opened to us the way of life, announced victory to the women and apostles and brought salvation to the whole world, annihilated the power of death and renewed the entire creation, gave us the promise of resurrection so that we might rise with him in new life.

*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*

**“Sleepers Awake” (J.S. Bach)**

\*Indicates the congregation stands, if able

**VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

Ushers/Greeters .....Hal & Mary Hughes  
Side Door Usher/Greeter .....Sallie Townsend  
Offering Counters ..... Hal Hughes & Angie Stewart  
AV Support .....Ryan Brewer

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>April 25</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Judi Dineen & Chris Tucker	Judi Dineen & Clara Lasselle	Pam Fialkoff & Jeff Countermin
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Judi Dineen & Chris Tucker	Judi Dineen & Clara Lasselle	Pam Fialkoff & Jeff Countermin
<b>AV Support</b>	Stephanie Brewer	Tom Boink	Nancy Webb

**LOOKING FORWARD**

**Mon., April 19: Men’s Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wed., April 21: Consistory**, 7 p.m.

**Sun., April 25: 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](mailto: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.

### ***Thank You, Spring Cleanup Day Volunteers***

Thanks to our Property Committee members, chair Greg Goutos and all the other volunteers who worked so hard yesterday to help spruce up our property for spring.

### ***May 2 CROP Hunger Walk Registration is Open***

The 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 Sunday Sermons***

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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**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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