



Altamont Reformed Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Prelude

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

J.S. Bach

Audrey Daly, Organist

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Votum

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:22-23)

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes

*Hymn: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (Purple) #234

Prayer of Confession

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate.

Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see.

Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. 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**

(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 without end. Amen,
Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Children's Message

***Hymn: "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" (Purple) #314**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-25

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith (from the Belhar Confession)**

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need

one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Announcements

Offering

*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: “Will You Come and Follow Me” (Purple) #726

*Benediction

Postlude “We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit” Dieterich Buxtehuda

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 24
VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

Greeters/Counters Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier
 Side Door Greeter Sallie Townsend
 AV Support Mike Mayer

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	May 1	May 8	May 15
Ushers & Greeters	Kelli Moore & Chris Tucker	John & Natalie Drahzal	Deb Ritzko & Claudette Riek
Offering Counters	Kelli Moore & Chris Tucker	John Drahzal & Pam Fialkoff	Deb Ritzko & Claudette Riek
AV Support	Mike Gilman	Mike Mayer	Tom Boink

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Today 11:30 a.m. In person only Congregational Forum
 7:00 p.m. Zoom Congregational Forum

Mon. April 25 **Church Office Closed**

Tues. April 26 7:00 p.m. In person only Congregational Forum

Due to the congregational meeting, the sanctuary will not be open for quiet prayer on Tuesday.

Thurs. April 28 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sat. April 30 9:00 a.m.-noon Spring Clean-Up Morning at ARC

Sun. May 1 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion in person and on zoom

1:30 p.m. Albany CROP Hunger Walk

FORUMS ON POSSIBLE YOKING WITH HELDERBERG

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

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 THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 30

From 9:00 am.-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 NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1

The Albany CROP Hunger Walk is May 1, starting at First Lutheran Church in Albany at 1:30pm, but participants are welcome to walk in their own neighborhoods. 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, development programs, including responding to the refugee crisis in Europe.

OUR AUDIO & VIDEO TEAM SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

In order to provide adequate coverage for every worship service, while minimalizing coverage days, our four AV team members need more help. It would be helpful if new members were familiar with AV equipment, but it is not necessary. The team will train you. If you are interested in joining this significant ministry see team leader Tom Boink at church, or email him at thomas.boink@ge.com. Thanks!!!!

SAVE THE DATE: ALTAMONT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

ARC will again have a float in the parade on Sunday, May 22, with a First Monday of the Month Community Dinner theme. We are inviting anyone from our ARC church community to ride on the float. Please meet in our ARC parking lot at 1:15 p.m. to hop on the float. If you are not on the float, please watch the parade and cheer our ARC float.

COFFEE HOUR FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

We welcome Barb Sargent and Angie and Charlie Stewart to our coffee hour team. They join John and Natalie Drazal and Dave and Julie Glass. Please help them by providing food donations for our coffee hour. Choose any week, **except Mother's Day and Father's Day**, 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!

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.

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