



# Altamont Reformed Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

**WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!**

Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Helmut Walcha  
Audrey Daly, Organist

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help, said the psalmist.

**Yet you, O Lord, put your very life into the hands of those princes, mortals, governors, chief priests.**

Happy are those whose helps is the God of Jacob, whose help is in the Lord their God, said the psalmist.

**You made all there is, your knowledge is greater than we can ever know, and you set the prisoners free, opening the eyes of the blind, lifting the bowed down, for you love righteousness.**

Let us worship the servant God.

**\*Hymn: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (Purple) #4**

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you call us to submit to the vision you have for the world: to be active and determined in spirit to build the world we read about in scripture: fair and honorable and welcoming to all. Have mercy on us when we are slow to

follow, quick to turn aside; when we are less than committed to living every day as your disciple.

Have mercy on us when we are choosy about who to love and protective of what we have to the extent we are unwilling to share the good things of life with others. Have mercy on us when faith is lacking in outward activity; when passivity is all too easy.

**Lord, you are not quick to cut us off. Instead you are forgiving and merciful in abundance. As we pray before you, honest in our inadequacies and errors, grant us the forgiveness we crave and inspire us to new living. This we pray, O Lord God, in the strength of your love. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 91:14-15**

#### **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 “View From the Upper Room”            Martin/Courtney**

In the upper room I see a simple man and, unashamed to bend, he kneels to serve his friends.

And in the upper room I see them as they dine upon the bread and wine, His life and death entwined.

From the upper room I see Gethsemane. I see His anguished plea beneath the olive trees.

And from the upper room I see his arms stretched wide as He is lifted high against the blackened sky.

In an upper room I see a table there where one day I will share the feast He has prepared.

And in an upper room I see my Savior's face. Beneath His loving gaze I'll drink the cup of grace.

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior, art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, tis now.

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

### **Children's Message**

**\*Hymn: "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness" (Purple) #850**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading: John 19:1-16a (New Testament p. 113)**

### **Sermon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (Page 9 of this bulletin)

Communion Hymn: "Come to the Table of Grace" (Purple) #507

Words of Institution

## **WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE**

### **Thanksgiving After Communion**

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise  
God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**

who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

## **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 "My Song is Love Unknown" (Purple) #209**

### **\*Benediction**

Postlude

“Fugue in D Minor”

Pachelbel

\* indicates the congregation stands, if able.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022**

**VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

Ushers & Greeters.....Kristy & Jim Dame  
 Counters.....Kristy Dame & Jeff Countermine  
 Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend  
 AV Support.....Mike Gilman  
 Coffee Hour.....Natalie & John Drahzal

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>April 10</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Cheryl Osterhout & Rick Flaherty	Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak	Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Rick Flaherty & Mike Gilman	Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak	Tracy Mayer & Marianne Baratier
<b>AV Support</b>	Mike Mayer	Tom Boink	Ryan Brewer

**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

Today 11:30 a.m. Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

Mon. April 4 7:00 p.m. Men’s Study Group

Tues. April 5 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary open for prayers

Wed. April 6 7:00 p.m. Property Committee meeting

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

Sun. April 10 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal;

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service in person and on zoom

11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Soup and Bread Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

**TODAY IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS**

Please complete the form available in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall TODAY. Return it to John or Natalie Drahzal, Each plant will be \$15.00 and all will be in 6” pots. Please make checks payable to John or Natalie.

## **PALM SUNDAY SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY!**

Join us immediately after the morning worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall today. You can also call the church office.

## **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON:**

**One person** to make a soup and **one person** to work in the kitchen before the service and wash dishes etc. **Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall.**

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in person and on zoom

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14 7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae and Communion with Lynnwood Reformed, at Lynnwood Reformed

Good Friday

Friday, April 15 1:00 p.m. Ecumenical Worship at ARC with the carrying of the crosses to St. John's Lutheran Church

Easter

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

## **ARC SANCTUARY OPEN EACH TUESDAY EVENING FOR PRAYER**

Every Tuesday from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, 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.

## **THANK YOU FROM NANCY WEBB**

Thanks so much for the kind words and the hugs you gave me on my last day at ARC. Although I'll be living near my family in Georgia, it is hard to leave my "family" here. You have been there for me during some difficult times in my life. You have been accepting, encouraging, and loving. As is said in the lyrics of a song from one of my favorite musicals: "Because I knew you, I've been changed for the better -- I have been changed for good." Nancy W.

## **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to our Second Annual Memorial Pet Food Drive in honor of Joel Edwards DVM. Donations benefited the Guilderland Animal Shelter, the Altamont Community Food Pantry, and the Guilderland Food Pantry. We collected: 298 pounds of dog food and 12 cans of dog food; 74 pounds of cat food and 138 cans of cat food.

Cindy Edwards sends her special thank you, “to those donating in Joel’s memory to a cause near and dear to both our hearts, helping those in need regardless they be human or animal!”

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

You created the heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us men and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that thy whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into thy kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.