



Altamont Reformed Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Welcome

Lenten Candle Lighting

Lord Jesus, as we walk with you through these forty days, let your light shine into our hearts.

Brighten the darkness of our lives and show us where we need to repent.

In our thoughts, words, and actions, teach us to rely on you.

Renew us as your people, that we may carry your light to the world.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we have fallen short time and time again.
You have given us your Word, in Flesh and in the Scriptures,
you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community,
and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service.
Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.
We do not love what you love.
We do not embrace what you embrace.
We do not defend what you have called us to defend.
Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come.

Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.
And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives
that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 91:14-15

The Law of God

Ministry of Music

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Mary Louise Bringle

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands, the dry lands gush with springs,

the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in wonder echoes *shalom*.

Hope blooms in a weary world

when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. (*Refrain*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Sermon

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, March 7: 10:30 a.m., Virtual Worship Service. The homepage of our website (altamontreformed.org) will direct you to the link and phone number.

Church World Service Blankets+ Campaign

With two weeks to go, we have exceeded our \$1,000 goal! As of Feb. 25, **\$1,340** has been donated. Please support CWS efforts to help refugees and victims of severe storms, like those suffering from the recent storms in the Southwest.

Make checks out to the Benevolence Committee, with “blankets” on the memo line. Mail them to Kitt Jackson at 10 Rita Ct., Delmar, NY 12054 or put in her mailbox at church. If you prefer to include blanket donations in with the regular weekly or monthly giving that you send to the church office, please send a separate check.

Include a note to tell Kitt how to dedicate your heart(s), either in memory of or in honor of someone who has brought love to your life. Donations of any amount are welcome. For each \$10 received, a small paper heart will be added to a large heart on Kitt's dining room wall. Let's “blanket the world with love.”

Dedications were made this week in memory of Pete and Shirley Mattice and Aunt Mary and Joseph Folds, Jr.; family loved ones; Jan Reid; friends of ARC

who have recently passed away: Newt Ronan, Port Bidleman, and Joel Edwards; Linda Carman; all those who died of COVID; Kent Walls; Will deForest; Mulford & Grace deForest; Robert & Doris Sutton; Don Pangburn; Chloe; “my brother John;” Bob Pangburn; Dominick & Mary DiNola; Kelly & Jackie Warner; Herb & Bobbie Schaible; Zachary Warner; Al Janssen; Gregg Mast; our parents (2); Arlene & Jim Drawbridge; Elmer & Anna Johnson; Anna Hagberg; Stuart & Jackie Rottman; Wayne Rottman; Marinus “Unc” DeMoore; Jan Reid (2); Mary Lou & Al Kisby; Papa Port & Grandma Sally; “Burls;” Louis & Eleanor Pianforini; John Kerkes; Harvey Holderle; Norbert Holderle; Irene Brown; Frederick & Rosa Holderle; Billy Rowland; Al & Jean Pianforini.

Dedications were made this week in honor of Jesus; Courtney & Jeff Mulhern & family; Danielle & Gabby Baratier; Julia, Daniel, Patrick, Elizabeth, Jack, Michael, Benjamin, Jack B., Owen, Mikey & Alexandra; Ginny Bevins; Edna Kerkes; Dylan Kerkes; Payton Kerkes; Caroline Grace & Georgia Frances Farry.

Recordings of Worship Services

Listen to or download recordings from a link on the website home page.

Updates Requested

Because we do not see each other on a regular basis, it is very important that you email (nancymacarc@gmail.com) or call (518-861-8711) the office if you have an update or an addition to our prayer corner, address and phone number changes, and requests for our *ARCLite* via email.

Time to Order Easter Flowers!

Anyone wishing to order plants for Easter Sunday, April 4, is asked to complete [this order form](#) and mail it to John or Natalie Drahzal at PO Box 174, East Berne, NY 12059 or call them at 518-872-9735 by Wednesday, March 24.

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