



Altamont Reformed Church

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 7, 2021

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Welcome

Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made God's home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the blazing fire of love.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,

the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.

**Forgive us the sins we know,
and the sins that we know not;
forgive them, O Lord,
forgive them all because of your great goodness.
Through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:15-17

The Law of God

Ministry of Music **“Seed, Scattered and Sown”** (Dan Feiten)

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown; wheat, gathered and grown;
bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands;
one cup that is shared by all,
the living cup, the living bread of God.

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? (*Refrain*)

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,
so may the church of God be gathered into one. (*Refrain*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon

A Communion Prayer for When We are Apart

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

Today and tomorrow: Joel Edwards Memorial Pet Food Drive

Tuesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m., Zoom Congregational Life Committee Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., ARC Painting Day

Sunday, Feb. 14: 10:30 a.m., Virtual Worship Service (Blanket Sunday) The homepage of our website (altamontreformed.org) will direct you to the link and phone number.

Pet Food Collection Honoring Joel Edwards

The Joel Edwards DVM Pet Food Drive ends tomorrow. **We are collecting dry dog food and either dry or wet cat food.** Bins are located inside the church at the top of the back staircase below our big bulletin board by the kitchen door when the church building is open or in the back parking lot entryway.

Annual ARC Winter Painting

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we work on several painting projects. E-mail Greg Goutos at ggoutos@nycap.rr.com or call him at 518-861-6052 if interested. Please bring a small paint brush.

Church World Service Blankets+ Campaign

From Feb. 14 to March 14, contributions will be collected to support CWS efforts to supply blankets, hygiene kits, tents, COVID-19 education, and other tools to refugees and to those suffering from natural disasters. **Donations in the form of checks made out to the Benevolence Committee, with “blankets” on the memo line,** will be received for the entire month.

Donations of any amount are welcome. For each \$10 received a small paper heart will be added to a large heart on Kitt Jackson’s dining room wall so she can share our progress each week. Our goal is to raise a total of \$1000 to “blanket the world with love.” **Donations can be mailed to Kitt Jackson at 10 Rita Ct., Delmar, NY 12054** or put in her mailbox at church. Please include a note to dedicate your hearts, either in memory or in honor of someone who has brought love to your life.

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 made out to the Benevolence Committee with “blanket” on the memo line and enclose a note indicating the heart dedication, or send Kitt an email (kitt82@verizon.net) so she can fill the dedication out for you.

Our gifts support the Blankets+ Program of Church World Service in disaster and refugee relief. People need blankets and much, much more. ARC has supported this important program for more than 30 years. Visit www.cwsglobal.org to learn more about the life-saving work of Church World Service in some 30 countries around the world.

Recordings of Worship Services

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

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