



# Altamont Reformed Church

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 10, 2021

## WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

*Prayer of Confession*

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.

**Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon:* John 1:9, 12

*The Law of God*

*Ministry of Music*

**“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”** (Daniel Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am, Lord.  
It is I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts of love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Scripture Text:* Matthew 2:1-12

*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

### **Friday, Jan. 15 through Monday, Jan. 18**

Collection for Altamont Community Food Pantry. We will be collecting hot and cold cereals on Dr. Martin Luther King weekend. Bins will be located inside the church at the top of the back staircase near the kitchen door when the church is open. Another bin will be placed inside the back-entry door when the church is locked.

### **Sunday, January 17**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Zoom. The homepage of our website ([altamontreformed.org](http://altamontreformed.org)) will direct you to the link and phone number. **We have added the weekly bulletin as a download. The bulletin will usually be available by Friday afternoon.**

### *Updates Requested*

Because we do not see each other on a regular basis, it is very important that you email ([nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### *Save the Dates!*

From Friday, Feb. 5 through Monday, Feb. 8 the Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a pet food collection drive in honor of our beloved chairperson, Dr. Joel Edwards. We will be collecting dry dog food and either dry or wet cat food. Bins will be 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 parking lot entryway. Thank you!

### *Weekly Offering*

We continue to offer the options of online payments (link on the ARC website homepage) or you may mail or deliver your offering to the church office.

### *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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