



# Altamont Reformed Church

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021

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

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

“Can anything good come from Nazareth?” asked Nathanael.

**And Philip said, “Come and see.”**

“Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” said Nathanael to Jesus.

**Come and see the Son of God about whom Moses and the prophets wrote.**

“You will see greater things than these,” said Jesus to Nathanael.

**Come and see the one who knows you as you are and loves you unconditionally.**

“You will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

**Come and see that in all things, God is sovereign.**

*Prayer of Confession*

Forgive us, God, for we have chosen not to follow where you lead but to go our own way instead.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Forgive us, God, for we have rejected the parts of scripture that challenge us and held fast to the ones that reinforce our positions.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Forgive us, God, for we have ignored the rule of love for the manifestation of the common good.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Forgive us, God, and open our eyes to the ways in which we fail to be the people you have called us to be.

**Open our hearts to your message of love, and our minds to your wisdom and truth, that our discipleship will reflect the One we call Master, Savior, and Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon:* Isaiah 44:21-22

*The Law of God*

*Ministry of Music*

**“Rain Down”** (Jamie Cortez)

Rain down, rain down;  
Rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down;  
Rain down your love, God of life.

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

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Scripture Text:* 1 Samuel 3:1-20

*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, Jan. 17 – Monday, Jan. 18**

We are collecting hot and cold cereals for the Altamont Community Food Pantry. 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. Thank you!

### **Wednesday, Jan. 20**

7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

### **Sunday, January 24**

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.

## **Recordings of Sunday Worship Services**

Recordings of services/sermons are available on the home page at [www.altamontreformed.org](http://www.altamontreformed.org) under *Recordings of Worship Services*.

### ***Pet Food Collection Honoring Joel Edwards***

The Congregational Life Committee will sponsor a pet food collection drive on Friday, Feb 5 through Monday, Feb. 8 in conjunction with the Super Bowl (and the Puppy Bowl and the Kitten Bowl).

The drive is in loving memory of Dr. Joel Edwards, esteemed veterinarian and chair of CLC.

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 near the kitchen door when the church building is open or in the parking lot entryway when the building is locked.

There will be a special “drive through” opportunity on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Our local Boy Scout troop will be in the back parking lot of the church to receive your pet food donations. You won't have to get out of your car.

### ***Weekly Offering***

You can send your regular offering via the internet. ARC has set up an account with PayPal Nonprofit for this purpose. A link on the home page of our website under *Give Your Offering Online* will direct you to the donation page that provides all the information you need to send your offering.

You also can mail your offering to the church office or drop it off during our normal office hours. The office is usually open on weekdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

*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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