



Altamont Reformed Church

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather to respond to the call of God's love.

Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community.

But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here.

We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience.

Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.

We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: John 1:9, 12

The Law of God

Ministry of Music

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

(Tu Has Venido a La Orilla)

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: Jonah 3:1-10

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, January 31

10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Zoom. The homepage of our website (altamontreformed.org) will direct you to the link and phone number.

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.

Pet Food Collection Honoring Joel Edwards

The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a Pet Food Drive in conjunction with Super Bowl Weekend, and the well-loved Puppy and Kitten Bowls on Super Bowl Sunday. The Joel Edwards, DVM Memorial Pet Food Drive will happen the weekend of Friday, February 5 to Monday, February 8, in honor of our beloved chairperson, 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 back parking lot entryway.

There will be a special “drive through” opportunity on Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Members of 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 cars. Thank you!

Weekly Bulletins Available on our Website

Check out the homepage of our website. We have added the weekly bulletin as a download. The bulletin will usually be available by Friday afternoon. Our homepage also directs you to the link and phone access to our weekly worship service.

Recordings of Pastor Matthew's sermons also are available on the website. The links to the most recent sermon and the archived sermons are on the home page under "Recordings of Worship Services."

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.

2021 Consistory

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