



Altamont Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 49:15; 66:12-13

The Law of God

Ministry of Music

“Come! Live in the Light!” (David Haas)

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: Numbers 21:4-9

Sermon

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Announcements

“Blanket the World with Love”

A Prayer for the Blessing of our Offerings

Gracious God, you have given us so many good gifts. Help us to share these gifts with others.

God of love, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the poor, the homeless, refugees, the hungry, the oppressed, and all those in need. (*Silence*)

Gracious God, bless the givers of these gifts. May the blankets and tools we provide demonstrate your love for the world.

Bless the blankets, tools, and kits that Church World Service will deliver on our behalf and bless all those who will receive them.

God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.

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

Wednesday, March 17: 7 p.m., Consistory meeting on Zoom

Sunday, March 21: 10:30 a.m., Virtual Worship Service/blessing of CWS donations. The homepage of our website (altamontreformed.org) will direct you to the link and phone number.

Church World Service Blankets+ Campaign a Huge Success!

Total as of Friday, March 12: **\$1,850** (185 hearts).

Dedications were made this week in memory of our parents; my wife; Marge Catellier; Hollis L. Stedman; Daisy Sharp; Lauren E. Stedman; Jennifer L. Brennan; Sandra Brunk; Russ & Helen Twaddell; Charles Gardner, Jr.; Clyde

& Myrtle Musser; Charles & Lillian Gardner; Roger Ehlert; dear past pets; Barb & Clarence Simmons; Leah & Harry Benjamin; Max Simmons

Dedications were made this week in honor of our military & first responders; my church family; Diane Stedman; Brad Laidlaw; Violet Jackson; Jessica Sullivan; Angela Calkins; our little "CF Warrior" Eric; Paige, who has a lot on her little shoulders; Fay Gardner; dear present pets.

Dedications were made this week in gratitude for Angela & Raymond Gilman; Sally & Larry Daly.

Thanks to your generosity, our gifts will continue to support CWS's world-wide efforts to help refugees and victims of disasters. Visit www.cwsglobal.org to learn more about the life-saving work of CWS.

It's Time to Order Easter Flowers!

This year you will find the order form link on the homepage of our ARC website. All plants are \$12 and will be in 6" pots. The order form is also in the most recent weekly bulletins and in the March ARC Lite. **Orders are due Wednesday, March 24.**

Recordings of Worship Services

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

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.

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