



Altamont Reformed Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 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 grace,

we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.

We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it.

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions.
Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory.
Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28-30

The Law of God

Ministry of Music

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

Thursday, March 11: 7 p.m., Congregational Life Committee meeting on Zoom

Sunday, March 14: 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 Ends March 14

We have exceeded our \$1,000 goal, with a donation total of **\$1,590!** Please continue to support CWS efforts to help refugees and victims of severe storms, like those suffering from the recent storms in the Southwest. Visit www.cwsglobal.org to learn more about the life-saving work of CWS.

Make checks out to the Benevolence Committee, with “blankets” on the memo line. Mail them to Kitt Jackson at 10 Rita Ct., Delmar, NY 12054 or put in her mailbox at church. 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.

Include a note to tell Kitt how to dedicate your heart(s), either in memory of or in honor of someone who has brought love to your life. Donations of any amount are welcome. For each \$10 received, a small paper heart will be added to a large heart on Kitt's dining room wall. Let's "blanket the world with love."

Dedications were made this week in memory of Tim Gaige, John Warnken, Ruth & Frank Cooke, Lorraine Boink, and Carl Bradley.

Dedications were made this week in honor of our ARC family; my children (Heidi & Rich); my granddaughters (Madison, Angelina, Isabella & Sophia); Joe, Jeff, Ricky, David, Eric & Jennie & family; Jason & family; Josh; Gloria Santagata; Bernie Boink; Joyce Santor; my brothers & sisters (Deb, Bonnie, Dawn, Bob & Doug); Stewart family children; Stewart family grandchildren; and the ARC Benevolence Committee.

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. [This order form](#) also is available in the most recent weekly bulletins and in the March *ARC Lite*. Anyone wishing to order plants for Easter Sunday, April 4, is asked to complete the form and mail it to John or Natalie Drazal at PO Box 174, East Berne, NY 12059 or call them at 518-872-9735 by 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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