



Altamont Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Prelude

Betty Ketcham, Pianist

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Votum

Welcome

Call to Worship

In many and various ways, at different times and places, the all-powerful God calls us to pray and sing.

With joy in our hearts, to pray and praise together, for nothing is impossible for God. Let us worship God.

*Hymn: “**For the Beauty of the Earth**” (Purple) #14

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:7-8

The Law of God

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

***Gloria Patri**

(Purple) #581

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Ministry of Music

“Grace”

arr. Mark Hayes

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Children’s Message

***Hymn:**

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Purple) #450

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Announcements

Offering

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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.

*Closing Hymn: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (Purple) #721

*Benediction

Postlude

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME as we worship together in person or in spirit through our Zoom space.

HONORING THE WOMEN IN OUR SANCTUARY TOAY

In honor of Mother's Day, the Congregational Life Committee would like to give all the women in the congregation today a packet of flower seeds that reads, "Commit random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty." Enjoy the day!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 24
VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

Greeters..... John & Natalie Drahzal
 Side Door Greeter..... Sallie Townsend
 Offering Counters John Drahzal & Pam Fialkoff
 AV Support Mike Mayer

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	May 15	May 22	May 15
Ushers & Greeters	Deb Ritzko & Claudette Riek	Barb & Craig Sargent	Angie Stewart & Jeff Countermine
Offering Counters	Deb Ritzko & Claudette Riek	Barb Sargent & Laurie Warner	Angie Stewart & Jeff Countermine
AV Support	Tom Boink	Ryan Brewer	Mike Gilman
Coffee Hour	Barb Sargent	Dave & Julie Glass	John & Natalie Drahzal

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tues., May 10 7 p.m. In person only Congregational Forum
 Wed., May 11 7 p.m. Consistory
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 May 13-16 Collection for Altamont Community Food Pantry
 Sun., May 1 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion in person and on zoom
 11:30 a.m. Special Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall to welcome our new sexton, Joe Bryson, and to thank Greg Goutos for all his years of service

MAY COLLECTION FOR FOOD PANTRY

Food items will be collected for the Altamont Community Food Pantry from Friday, May 13 through Monday, May 16.

Where can I drop off items?

- A bin will be located inside the doors of the back parking lot entrance to the church.

- When the church is open, there will also be a bin at the top of the back staircase under the bulletin board.
- Baskets will be placed at the entrances to the sanctuary on Sunday, May 15.

What can I donate?

- Tuna
- Elbow macaroni
- Mayonnaise
- Spaghetti in a jar
- Microwavable individual meals

RIDE ON OUR FLOAT!

ARC will again have a float in the Altamont Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 22, with a First Monday of the Month Community Dinner theme. We are inviting anyone from our ARC church community to ride on the float. Please meet in our ARC parking lot at 1:15 p.m. to hop on the float. If you are not on the float, please watch the parade and cheer our ARC float. The parade starts at 2 p.m.

CAMP FOWLER OPEN HOUSE

Grab family and friends, bring your work gloves, and help Fowler “open the house” for summer on Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are small projects for all age groups. Lunch is provided so you need to pre-register at <https://www.campfowler.org/springopenhouse>.

“OUR DAILY BREAD” DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

Did you know that for years ARC has subscribed to this daily devotional? The June, July, and August edition is available. You can pick up a copy in the sanctuary, the side entrance to the sanctuary, or the back entrance to the church building.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

If you have an update or a name to add to our prayer corner list, please call the church office or email Nancy at nancymacarc@gmail.com.

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