



# Altamont Reformed Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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## WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

*Prelude*

Audrey Daly, Organist

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

This day is God’s gift to us –

**A gift of community and Sabbath,**

A gift of doing nothing more than offering thanks and basking in the divine presence.

**This time is our gift to God –**

A gift of song, and prayer, and silence,

**A gift of offering our lives in service to our Maker.**

Surrounded by all these gifts, let us worship God.

*Hymn*.....“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” #35

*Prayer of Confession*

O God, our God, Creator of the stars of night,

Forgive us when we forget that darkness and light go hand-in-hand;

That the suffering of another is our suffering,

That the joy we know is not to be hoarded but shared,

That just as light warms and energizes us,

So darkness calms us and gives us rest.

That there are those who still live in shadows of fear and grief

That we are called to be with them in the dark, and to bring light.

We thank you for day and night, for darkness and light, for the strife and the joy, and for making us whole. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

Romans 8:15-17

*The Law of God*

*Passing of the Peace\**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*Gloria Patri\**

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*

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (Craig Courtney)

I know that my Redeemer lives, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though my body be destroyed, and though my body  
be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.  
Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.

Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;  
now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.

Allelu, alleluia, allelu, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.  
Allelu, alleluia, allelu, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.  
I know that my Redeemer lives

*Children’s Message*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

*Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture Text:*

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

*Sermon*

**WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE**

*Affirmation of Faith*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
We believe in God above us,  
Maker and sustainer of all life,  
Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Born of a woman’s womb, servant of the poor.  
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
And his kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God within us,  
The Holy Spirit of gentle as a dove, burning as fire,

Life-giving breath of the church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
Source of resurrection and life everlasting. Amen.

*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*

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #761

*Benediction\**

*Postlude*

\*Indicates the congregation stands, if able

**VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

Ushers/Greeters .....Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak  
Side Door Usher/Greeter ..... Sallie Townsend  
Offering Counters.....Judi Dineen & Noreen Novak  
AV Support..... Tom Boink

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**Today:** Celebration of the life of Newt Ronan in the sanctuary with reception on the lawn 2 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 23:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 26:** Adult Education in Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m.; Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, in the sanctuary and on Zoom, 10:30 a.m.

## *Invitation to Newt Ronan's Service Today*

The family of Newton Ronan would like to invite his friends and loved ones to a celebration of his life at Altamont Reformed Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, 2021. As Dad wished, there will be singing, so if you're vaccinated masks are optional. All unvaccinated people are required to be masked. Since his death we have discovered that Dad has touched more lives than we ever realized. Gail Kidder, Deborah McKee, Martha Davis, and their families are grateful for all the love and support we continue to receive to this day.

## *Teen/Adult Education Sundays at 9:30*

Whether you regularly come to adult education hour or never have, whether you have read the Heidelberg Catechism or are just learning of it now, whether you think you know a lot or think that there is still much to learn, you are welcome to study the Heidelberg Catechism along with us. As with all educational programs, there are no prerequisites, no assumptions, and no judgements.

The Heidelberg Catechism was first published in 1563. For generations, this catechism was used to help teach the faith to young and old alike. So let's learn together. Please meet in Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Pastor Matthew.

## *Worship on Zoom*

ARC will continue to offer the virtual option of Zoom services each week. It is the same link already posted on the homepage of our website. Our weekly bulletin is available to view or download. The bulletin will usually be available by Friday afternoon.

## *Revised Guidelines for Worship in the Sanctuary*

**Masks:** Masks are still required indoors for people who have not been fully vaccinated. Masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated (two weeks past receiving the final vaccine dose).

**Sanitizing:** Please continue to use the hand sanitizers at each entrance to the sanctuary.

## *Church World Service School Kits Thank You!*

Because of your commitment to helping others in need, ARC collected 90+ bags that will be delivered to youth in need of school supplies. **Cash donations are welcome to help with shipping costs.**

**Checks should be made out to ARC Benevolence with "school kits" on the memo line.** You can mail donations to Kitt Jackson at 10 Rita Ct., Delmar, NY 12054, or place them in her church box.

## *Prayer Requests and Updates*

If you have an update or a name to add to our prayer corner list, please call the church office at 518-861-8711 or email Nancy McNiven at [nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com).

## *Recordings of Sunday Sermons*

Audio or video recordings of sermons are available on the home page at [www.altamontreformed.org](http://www.altamontreformed.org) under *Sermon Recordings*.

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## **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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