



Altamont Reformed Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

Prelude

“Priere a Notre Dame”

Leon Boellmann

Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 112:1-9

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
**their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.**

***Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Blue) #59**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

You see deep into our hearts

and know us better than we know ourselves.

Forgive us we pray.

For the times we turn away from Your word,

remind us that You are the Lord our God,

our eternal protector and guide.

For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite,

grant us Your healing peace.

For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity and mercy,

inspire us with Your compassionate love.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-2

The Law of God

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

***Gloria Patri (Blue) #623**

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 with-out end. Amen, Amen.

Ministry of Music

“Refuge and Strength”

Mark Hayes

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.

Though the earth should change, though the earth should crumple into the sea,

Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city. It shall not be moved. God will help when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar. The kingdoms of men tottered. God thunders, the earth melts.

The God of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Children's Message

Blanket Sunday Skit

***Hymn of Preparation:** Blanket Sunday Hymn

CONVERSE 8.78.7(Tune-"What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

"God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us"

God, you wrap your love around us, Like a blanket, soft and warm.
You give rest when we are weary, You protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter In these blankets that we share
Also feel the joy and comfort Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby, Sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried--Far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel, Safe from terror, free from harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection, Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men, and children Fleeing danger every day
Know, through us, your living presence; you walk with them on their way.
Spirit, as you give them comfort, Teach us here to freely give;
May we blanket this world over With your love, so all may live.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12 (Old Testament Page 688)

Sermon

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

Announcements

Offertory

“Arioso”

J. S. Bach

*Doxology (Blue) #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly 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, for ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: “Hope of the World” (Red) #291

***Sending**

Our worship has ended,

Our service to the world begins!

***Choral Benediction**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to all visitors in worship today! Please fill out one of the white visitor’s cards in the pew hymnal racks so we may know who you are and may keep in touch. Kindly place the card in the offering plate.

PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN UP TO AGE 3** in the nursery at the foot of the stairwell that is at the front of the sanctuary.
- **CHILDREN’S BULLETINS and “SERMON SACKS” (COLORING SHEETS)** are available in the front and back of the sanctuary.
- **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are in the back of the sanctuary and easy to use.
- **LARGE COPIES OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN:**
If you are visually challenged, a larger version of today’s bulletin is available in the front or back of the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Coffee Hour.....Benevolence Committee
 Ushers & Greeters.....Barb Sargent & Michelle Stevens
 Side Door Greeter.....Sallie Townsend
 Offering Counters.....Barb Sargent & Michelle Stevens
 Nursery Volunteer.....Theresa Lasselle and **Volunteer Needed**

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