



Altamont Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2020

Prelude “Verset de Procession sur l’Adoro Te” Boellmann
Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 72:1-5

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God’s house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

***Hymn: “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Blue) #6**

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.

We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.

**Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-20
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 “Come to the Table of the Lord” Albrecht/Althouse

Come to the table where the bread is broken. Come to the table where the word of God is
spoken.

And take this bread into your life as a token. Come to the table of the Lord.

Come to the table and drink this wine. Come to the table believing in this sign.

Renew your spirit with this food divine. Come to the table of the Lord.

Hungry and thirsty, we come Lord to Thee. We humbly bow on bended knee.

Come to the table and dwell in God’s light. Come to the table and kneel before His sight.

Join in communion and know His holy might. Come to the table of the Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

***Hymn of Preparation: “Be Thou My Vision” (Blue) #382**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (New Testament Page 4)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us,
dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us
of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation:

Great Thanksgiving (Laminated Card)

Communion Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (Blue) #274

Words of Institution (laminated card)

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving After Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.

Amen.

Announcements

***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: “Lord, Speak to Me” (Blue) #450**Sending**

Our worship has ended,
Our service to the world begins!

Choral Benediction**Benediction*****Postlude****“Gift of Finest Wheat”****arr. Charles Callahan**** 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.