



Altamont Reformed Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020

Prelude

“Adagio in D-flat”

Franz Liszt

Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord is Sovereign; the people tremble in awe.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,

And worship God upon the holy mountain.

***Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Blue) #560**

Prayer of Confession

God of transfiguration,

You meet us in the ordinary

As well as the extraordinary moments of life.

We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops.

Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence,

Too often our ears are deaf to your call.

When you reach out to us

Through the cries of the hungry and homeless,

Too often our hearts shrink from your touch.

Forgive us, we pray,

And set us free to love and serve. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
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

“To Behold Thee”

Berry/Forrest

From weariness of sin I turn at last, O Lord, to Thee,
My eyes and heart grown dim from looking long on vanity.
I venture toward Thy radiance then, compelled to come by grace.
And in the pages of Thy Word behold Thy lovely face.

Face of glory, turned up on me, I cannot but Thee adore.
To behold Thee, O my Savior, is to love Thee more and more.

Each grace in all its fullness on Thy countenance I see.
Great tenderness of mercy, blazing light of purity.
Thine eyes are wells of love and wisdom, settled peace Thy brow,
Before the whole of perfect beauty, I in worship bow.
Face of glory, turned upon me, I cannot but Thee adore.
When someday I before Thee stand, a debtor to Thy grace,
and gaze with heaven’s eyes upon the brightness of Thy face,
Transformed into Thy likeness, all my sins thrust far away.
With millions of redeemed ones, I will lift my voice and say:

Children's Message

***Hymn of Preparation: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Blue) #97**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (New Testament Pages 18 and 19)

Sermon "The Rhythm of the Saints"

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory

"Priere"

Jean Langlais

***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**

"Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Calling"

J.S. Bach

** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME REV. DR. JANSSEN

This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Allan Janssen to ARC. He is a retired minister in the Reformed Church (having served churches in New York and New Jersey), a General Synod Professor emeritus, an emeritus professor of Theological Studies at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and a mentor of Pastor Matthew.