



# Altamont Reformed Church

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Prelude “Adagio from Toccata Undecima” Georg Muffat  
Organist, Audrey Daly

**WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Welcome

**Call to Worship: Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

**\*Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (Blue) #43**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 91:14-15  
The Law of God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: 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**

**“As the Deer”**

**Nystrom/Wilson**

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You’re my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

You, alone, are my strength, my shield; Oh spirit yield.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye!

You, alone, are my strength and shield; to you alone, may my spirit yield.

You, alone, are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship thee.

**Children's Message**

**\*Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (Red) #181  
(Pasta and Sauce will be collected at this time.)**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a (Old Testament Page 10)  
Sermon “Stepping Into the Unknown”

## WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

### Affirmation of Faith: from the Heidelberg Catechism, 43

Through Christ’s death  
our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,  
so that the evil desires of the flesh  
may no longer rule us,  
but that instead we may dedicate ourselves  
as an offering of gratitude to him.

### Announcements

Offertory “Fairest Lord Jesus” Hermann Schroeder

### \*Doxology

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

#### “Blanket the World with Love”-A Prayer for the Blessing of our Offerings

Leader: Gracious God, you have given us so many good gifts. Help us to share these gifts with others.

**People: God of love, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the poor, the homeless, refugees, the hungry, the oppressed, and all those in need. (silence)

Leader: Gracious God, bless the givers of these gifts. May the blankets and tools we provide demonstrate your love for the world.

**People: Bless the blankets, tools, and kits that Church World Service will deliver on our behalf, and bless all those who will receive them.**

**ALL: God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.**  
**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: “Take My Life and Let It Be” (Blue) #379**

**\*Sending**

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

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude “Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us” Johann Gottfried Walther**  
**\* 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:**

- **CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN UP TO AGE 3:** Nursery care is provided each Sunday 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. They are small 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.