



Altamont Reformed Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019

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: Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

Give thanks to the Lord,

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***Hymn: “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Blue) #64**

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you are always faithful.
You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.
But we confess that we often worship
Not your true self, but who we wish you to be.
We too often ask you to bless what we do
Rather than seeking to do what you bless.
Forgive us for seeking concessions
When we should be seeking guidance.
Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
Instead of shaping us into what you want.
Help us to meet you here, that we might bow
Before your unspeakable majesty
And so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 147:2-3, 5
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

“Be Still and Know”

Michael John Trotta

Even if the mountains were to fall into the sea, waters were to surge upon the earth,
hope still lives in a most holy place, a place that shall not move, for I am here.

Be still and know, be still and know, know that I am your God. Be still and you'll
find rest, a refuge for your soul. Be still, be still and know.

When nations roar and kingdoms fall, still you shall not fear. My strength and hope will keep you on your way; wars shall cease and the shields melt with fire; listen then, for you will hear my voice.

Keep your mind on things above and not on earthly things; you're hidden with me in the safest place. Your old self has died and is risen again; your death shall be what brings you to new life.

Children's Message

*Hymn of Preparation: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (Blue) #274
(Oatmeal and Cereal collected at this time)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 (Old Testament Page 696)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that awaits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating deathless,
holds a promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth
of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful,
wherever found. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

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

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family
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: “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” (Blue) #455

***Sending**

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

*** Choral Benediction**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Festive Trumpet Tune”
** indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

David German

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.

IN MEMORY OF:

The flowers that grace our chancel are given in loving memory by Jackie Warner’s family

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:** Assistive 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.

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

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| Coffee Hour..... | Noreen Novak and Judi Dineen |
| Greeters..... | Mike Gilman & Lois Ginsburg |
| Side Door Greeter..... | Sallie Townsend |
| Offering Counters..... | Mike Gilman & Lois Ginsburg |
| Nursery Volunteer..... | Theresa Lasselle and Volunteer |