A close-up of a church steeple

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**Altamont Reformed Church**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2024**

**Prelude**  **“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” J.S Bach**

**Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist**

**The Liturgy of Approach**

**Votum**

**Call to Worship**

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**The One who calls us,**

The One who equips us,

**The One who loves us without end.**

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Purple) #366**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.  
We love with condition.  
We judge and condemn.  
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.  
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.  Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:  Psalm 32:1-2**

**The Law of God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**\*Gloria Patri (Purple) #581**

**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 “Ubi Caritas” Maurice Durufle´**

**(English Translation)**

**Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered**

**us as one. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us honor and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Children’s Message**

**\*Hymn: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” (Blue) #280**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading: Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

**(New Testament p. 138 & p. 166)**

**Sermon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, the Root of all living, Creator of all things.**

**We live in Christ Jesus, God’s Son, who loved all people and who makes us one in his love. He suffered and died, and was raised on the third day. In his death and resurrection we are also raised to new life. Christ is our Vine and we are his branches, and without him we cannot live.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, flowing through us so that we may bear fruit for God, the fruit of love, the fruit of justice, beauty and joy. In the Spirit we are one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF RESPONSE**

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People with the Lord’s Prayer**

**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: “Let Us Build a House” (Purple) #301**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**   **“Allegro Maestoso” Mendelssohn**

\* *indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

**WELCOME** as we worship together. Please join us for coffee hour fellowship after our worship service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**CHILDREN BULLETINS AND SACK COLORING PAGES** are available in the front of the sanctuary.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES**are in the back of the sanctuary.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNAL:**If you are visually challenged, a larger version of the *Glory to God* hymnal is available in the front or back of the sanctuary. The covers are black.

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY**

Greeters……………………………………………………………………….Bill & Kathy Johnson

Counters………………………………………………………………..Kathy Johnson & Volunteer

Side Door Greeter…………………………………………………………………..Sallie Townsend

AV Support………………………………………………………………………….Michael Gilman

Coffee Hour……………………………………………………….....Noreen Novak & Barb Sargent

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

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|  | **May 5** | **May 12** | **May 19** |
| **Ushers & Greeters** | Cheyrl Osterhout &  Rick Flaherty | Angie Stewart &  Jan Chisholm | Deb McKee &  Laurie Warner |
| **Offering Counters** | Cheryl Osterhout &  Tracy Mayer | Angie Stewart &  Jan Chisholm | Deb McKee &  Laurie Warner |
| **AV Volunteer** | Ryan Brewer | Tom Boink | Michael Gilman |
| **Coffee Hour** | Natalie & John  Drahzal | No Coffee  Hour | Betty Ketcham &  Dave Glass |