

**Altamont Reformed Church**

**Easter Sunday**

**March 31, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Audrey Daly-Gilman Organist**

**THE LITURGY OF APPROACH**

**Votum**

**Introit “Joy in the Morning” Natalie Sleeth**

**There’ll be joy in the morning on that day, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, There’ll be joy in the morning on that day.**

**There’ll be peace and contentment evermore, there’ll be peace and**

**contentment evermore, ev’ry heart, ev’ry voice will together rejoice, There’ll be peace and contentment evermore.**

**And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine,…will shine (shine upon us)**

**And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.**

**There’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, there’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored; there’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere**

**There’ll be love and forgiveness, there’ll be peace and contentment, there’ll be joy, joy, joy,….JOY!**

**Call to Worship**

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Love has conquered fear.

**Life has overcome death.**

By the powers of evil and injustice

the Beloved was crucified.

**But by the power of grace**

**God has raised Christ from the dead.**

Christ died bearing all our sin and fear.

**But Christ rose in love,**

**and with Christ we too are raised**

**to life that is eternal, life that is new,**

**life in you, O God of love. Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” (Purple) #245**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;**

**new love where we have turned hard-hearted;**

**forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;**

**and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit**

**where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:  1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

**The Law of God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

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| **\*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 “In Your Footsteps” Nichols/Forrest **Lead me to Gethsemane where all alone You prayed. Let me see the rebel kiss, and where You were betrayed. Then before the angry mob You stood condemned to die. Soon to drink the bitter cup and breathe the mortal sign. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  **Lead me to the wondrous cross where you were crucified. Let me see Your hands and feet, and touch Your wounded side. Show me where the piercing thorns were thrust upon Your head. Cruel were the fatal blows You suffered in my stead. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  **Lead me to the empty tomb where on that glorious day You declared the victory and death released its prey. God the Father raised You up to reign with Him on high. Giving me a living hope that I shall never die. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**  **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**  **Children’s Message**  **\*Hymn: “Thine Is the Glory” (Purple) #238**  **Prayer for Illumination**  **Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8 (New Testament Pages 54 & 55)**  **Sermon**  **\*Affirmation of Faith**  Alleluia! God of Love, the sun of your grace rises upon us.  **Alleluia! You have raised Jesus your Christ from the dead.**  Jesus bore our sorrows, and shared our suffering;  **and you raised him from the dead.**  He accepted our mistreatment and bore our injustice,  **and you raised him from the dead.**  He confronted evil; and the powers of oppression killed him,  **and you raised him from the dead.**  He experienced our loneliness, and stood in the gap between us and you,  **and you raised him from the dead.**  We poured out on him all our judgment, yet he forgives us entirely,  **and you raised him from the dead.**  God of grace and miracle, you have joined us to Christ,  so that as you raised Christ from the dead by the power of your love,  **you have raised us from the dead with Christ, to walk in new lives.**  God of resurrection, fill us with the power of your love,  love that overcomes evil and death, love that is the light of life.  **Spirit of love, create new hearts in us, and make us a new and holy people, the Body of Christ, risen in love. Alleluia!** |  |

## THE LITURGY OF RESPONSE

## Announcements

## Offertory

**\*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: “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” (Purple) #248**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

**WELCOME as we worship together on this Easter morning.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 31**

**VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

Greeters………………………..........................................Jan Chisholm, Noreen Novak, Carol Ward

Counters:…………………………………………………………Noreen Novak & Jan Chisholm

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

AV Support…………………………………………………………………..................Tom Boink

There is no coffee hour today.

**FUTURE VOLUNTEERS**

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|  | **April 7** | **April 14** | **April 21** |
| **Ushers & Greeters** | Marianne Baratier &  Kelli Moore | Dan & Christine  Capuano | Judi Dineen &  Noreen Novak |
| **Offering Counters** | Marianne Baratier &  Kelli Moore | Christine Capuano &  Linda Warnken | Judi Dineen &  Noreen Novak |
| **AV Volunteer** | Michael Gilman | Ryan Brewer | Tom Boink |
| **Coffee Hour** | John & Natalie  Drahzal | Angie & Charlie  Stewart | Betty Ketcham &  Dave Glass |

**COMING UP**

**Mon. April 1 5-6:30 p.m. First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner**

**Tues. April 2 Benevolence Comm. at U of Albany, Food and Faith, Protestant Campus Ministry**

**Thurs. April 4 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Potluck followed by rehearsal**

**Sun. April 7 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion**

**11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall**

**6:30 p.m. Bible Study 101 at Helderberg Reformed**

**FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

Join us tomorrow evening 5-6:30 p.m. for our free spaghetti dinner. Enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Your gifts received in the special offering envelopes marked "Easter" will be equally divided between ARC's Deacon’s Fund and the Protestant Campus Ministry at the University of Albany.

**BIG FAMILY GATHERING, APRIL 19 6-8PM**

The “BIG FAITH FAMILY” is coming together.  It’s happening here in the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening, April 19th at 6:00.  You can sign up in the sanctuary, upstairs in the hall, or contact the church office. You can also email Nancy at [nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com). Watch for details.  They’ll be coming at you from all directions.

**ARC SEXTON OPENING**

Our current Sexton has recently left the job, and we are seeking a new person to immediately fill the position. This is a part-time position. The ideal candidate has some custodial experience and should be able to work a flexible schedule of 10 hours a week. Please contact Nancy McNiven at the church office if you need more information about the job.

**ARC SPRING CLEAN UP MORNING SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9 A.M-NOON**

It’s time to spruce up the church grounds and do a little spring cleaning. We will gather rain or shine and enjoy a time of fellowship with bagels and coffee. If possible, please bring a pair of gloves and a rake. If you plan to attend, contact Greg Goutos at 518-495-0148 or email him at [ggoutos@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ggoutos@nycap.rr.com).

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all who contributed items for the Hygiene Kits or helped assemble them.  We have completed 62 kits, which will be forwarded to Church World Service for distribution to refugees and disaster victims as needed.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:**

**Jim Pavoldi**; **Claudette Riek**; **Erin Parker; Jan Davis**; **Sher Seppa**; **Natalie**, daughter of Judi’s brother Jack; **Sandra**, daughter of Lois and Ron Ginsburg; **Brian**, brother-in-law of MarianneBaratier; **Emmit**, Diane Stedman’s grandson; **Curt Damhof**; **Nicole**, friend of the Sargents

**THOSE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH ISSUES:**

**John & Marlene Williams**; **Mona Shuker**; **Patti Percoski**; **Eric & Paige Tooker** (Cystic Fibrosis); **Paula and Karen Eagan**; **Barbara Ryan**;Keith Baratier’sfather **Paul**; **Becky Bryne**, neighbor of Deb and Steve Ritzko

I**N LONG TERM CARE: Clara and Ralph Lasselle**, inKingsway Community Assisted Living; **Jeanne Picard-Fish**,at Daughters of Sarah; **Joan Whinnery**, at Judson Meadows Ass’t Living in Glenville; **Nancy Harrigan** at Glendale Home in Scotia

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

If you have a name to add to our prayer corner list, or an update, please call the church office or email Nancy at [nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com) Altamont Reformed Church

**EASTER FLOWERS**

***GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, AND IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF LOVED ONES:***

KEITH & MARIANNE BARATIER

**IN MEMORY OF DOMINICK AND MARY DiNOLA,**

**AND NANCY BARATIER**

BETH BURLINGAME

**IN MEMORY OF MARK BURLINGAME, SALLY & PORTER BIDLEMAN,**

**AND AL & MARY LOU KISBY**

CHRISTINE & DAN CAPUANO

JEFF AND JEANNE COUNTERMINE

**IN MEMORY OF IRV & RUTH COUNTERMINE**

JOHN AND NATALIE DRAHZAL

**IN MEMORY OF NATHAN, NORMA, KEITH &**

**MIKE FROLKEY AND JASON DRAHZAL**

DRAHZELS

**IN MEMORY OF JIM MEYER- “THE FLOWER GUY”**

CAROLE deFOREST

**IN MEMORY OF WILL deFOREST**

CINDY EDWARDS

**IN MEMORY OF JOEL EDWARDS**

PAM AND DAVID FIALKOFF

**IN HONOR OF THE FIALKOFF FAMILY & IN MEMORY OF**

**MICHAEL & GLORIA SANTAGATA**

JEFF GREGORY

**IN MEMORY OF BETH & SYLVESTER SCHILZ AND MARY HARRIGAN**

KITT JACKSON

**IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

KATHY & BILL JOHNSON

**IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

NOREEN NOVAK

**IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS & JOE, JEFF & RICKY**

DEAN SANDS

**IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & SIDNEY SANDS AND IN HONOR OF**

**SANDS FAMILIES**

DIANE STEDMAN

**IN MEMORY OF HOLLIS STEDMAN, ELLIOT EHRING**

**AND JEN BRENNAN**

SARAH STEDMAN

**IN MEMORY OF HOLLIS STEDMAN & MARILYN SMILEY**

***ALTAMONT REFORMED CHURCH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE***

***The Altamont Reformed Church is a community of Christian believers called by God to be part of the living Body of Christ, to worship God our King and to obey Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to study the Bible and live the Good News. We endeavor to serve and care for each other and to reach out to the world, sharing God’s love and inviting all to join in joyful discipleship.***

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