



May 28, 2023
Order of Service – 10:00 am

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

Words of Welcome

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you. We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we're about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you'll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don't, you'll always be a friend. Thank you for worshipping with us.

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“I believe that the messy middle is where God calls us to follow him, with humility.”

~ Eddie Aleman
General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America

PRELUDE

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

LITANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

We give you thanks, O God.

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

We give you thanks, O God.

O Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these, your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

IN MEMORIAM

The table is round –

To show our everlasting concern for our men and women still missing.

The cloth is white –
***Symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering
the call to duty.***

The single red rose, displayed in a vase –
***Reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and their loved ones
and friends who keep the faith, awaiting answers.***

The vase is tied with a red ribbon –
Symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate –
***Reminds us of the bitter fate of those captured and
missing in a foreign land.***

A pinch of salt –
***Symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and
their families who seek answers.***

The Bible represents –
***The strength gained through faith to sustain those lost
from our country, founded as one nation under God.***

The glass is inverted –
To symbolize their inability to fellowship with us.

The chair is empty –
They are missing. They are missed.

Through our worship today –
***Let us honor those men and women who in serving our country
made the ultimate sacrifice.***

SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP - based on Psalm 139:7-12a NLT

I can never escape from your spirit! I can never get away from your
presence!

***If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the place
of the dead, you are there.***

If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night –
but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.

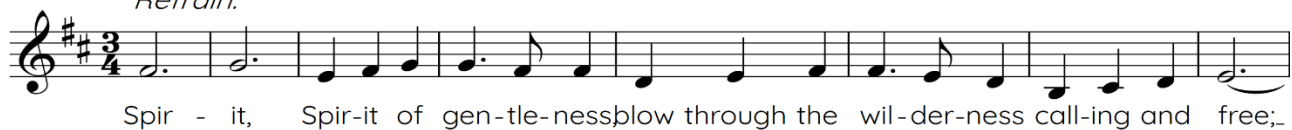
For Your invisible presence revealed in the unexpected moment...
For your silent power surprising in its irresistible challenge...
For Your unlikely people carriers of the wonder-filled message of Jesus...

We give you thanks and praise, O God, our Lord. Amen.



*HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain:



✱RESPONSIVE READING

God, the light of your Spirit has fallen upon us,
The seal of your ownership is on us,
You have placed the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Like tongues of fire it has renewed and restored.

In our rising and our sleeping,
In our working and our playing,
In our joys and in our sorrows,

Your Spirit's brightness has dispelled the darkness,

In our loving and caring,
In our touching and our listening,
In our thoughts and in our actions,

God's Spirit has brought life out of death.

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

***It filled those that were empty,
It empowered those that were weary.***

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

***It brought together those that were divided,
It reassured those who were afraid.***

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

***By its power we can walk together as one,
By its power we can find strength to share.***

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

***By its power we can find freedom in loving each other,
By its power we can find life in you.***

✱MEDITATION "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices the Lord is near,

Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of amazing love and unexpected grace,
open our eyes that we may see you especially in those times when
we feel abandoned by you.

***Forgive us that we so easily allow circumstance to blind us
to your presence.***

Touch our lives that we may know you,
especially in those times when we feel unable to cope.

Forgive us that we too frequently mistrust Your power.

Fill our hearts that we may become like you especially when your
message needs to be heard.

***Forgive us that we forget who we are: children of God with
Your Spirit in us. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ” (3 times)

***Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one can say “Jesus is Lord”
except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same
Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there


are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

MORNING MESSAGE “Speak One Another’s Languages”




***HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"**



We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 All___ praise to the Fa - ther, from___ whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's_ on - ly___ Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save___ hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who___ makes us___ one:

Refrain:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love, yes, they'll know_ we are Chris-tians by our love.

*BENEDICTION

*THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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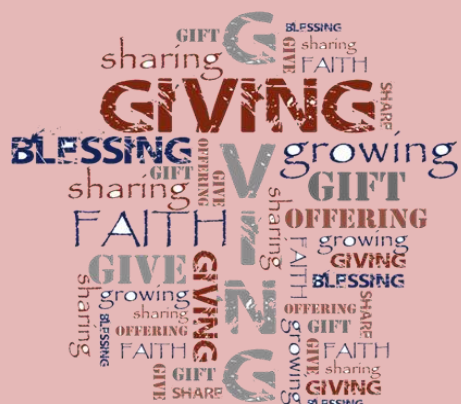
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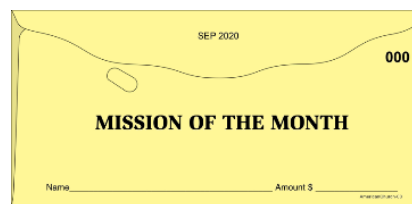
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The special offering envelopes for May.

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Côté at crclori@gmail.com.



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In Person Worship Guidelines

Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others.

Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

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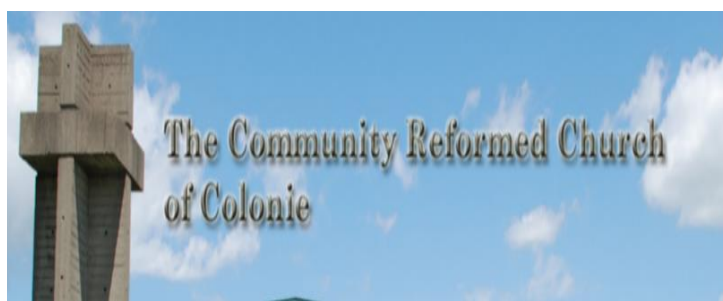
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