

The Second Sunday after Pentecost



June 6, 2021

Order of Worship 9:00 am

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





PRELUDE "In the Garden"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

INTROIT "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to you, God of life,

for the shoot that breaks through the earth,
that strains toward the sun,
that blossoms and makes of its fruit
an offering to the world.

Praise be to you, God of life,
for the seed that dies,
and is resurrected into a tree;
for the tree whose longevity
whispers a parable of eternity.

Praise be to you, God of life,
for your presence and purpose,
that infuses all of creation,
and calls us to follow,
to embrace life,
to share life,
and to offer the fruit of our lives
as worship to you.

HYMN #612 "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I'm not really sure I want to admit it, God, but I am a person with gifts.

Oh, I'm not one of those super-talented, can-do-it-all, people, but there are things I'm good at, things that might even be useful to You and others.

But, here's the problem - if I admit it, then I have to do something;

then there are no more excuses; no more comfortable inadequacies to hide behind.

If I acknowledge the abilities and strengths You have placed in me

I'm going to have actually use them; I'm going to have to serve, and be accountable, and maybe even make commitments... and stick to them.

But, if I pretend that I'm not gifted at all,

I lose something of myself,
I allow myself to be less than I really am,
to experience less, to learn less, to be less alive.

So, thank you, God, for making me a gifted person, and thank you that my gifts can make a difference, can, in some small way, help to make Your dream for my world a reality. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Shepherd Me, Oh God" (3 times)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ Sarah Huiest

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Jerry Kallner

CALL TO OFFERING

God's holiness inspires us to be more holy; God's love causes us to be more loving;

God's life in us brings to birth dreams and visions for a better and more just world.

Let us offer our gifts and our lives in thankfulness for all God has done and is doing in our lives.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

We dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, O God, in thanksgiving for your great gift of Jesus in whom we know an inner peace. Strengthen and empower us with the Holy Spirit to be bearers of this peace wherever we go. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Marissa Lombardo

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the

sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "More Than Enough"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us, binding us in one, as we share him together.

This is something we do eagerly. *Christ welcomes us here.*

This is something we do seriously.

For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.4

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence of the Lord"

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15). The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

HYMN "Holy Lord" (3 times)

Dona Nobis Pacem

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty, your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.

Yet we rebelled against your will.

In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant.

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion.

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

We beheld His glory.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His followers and beaten.

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, He was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.

Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper in true and unconditional love.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again.

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, Glorify your name in all the earth; Glorify your name, glorify your name, Glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, Glorify your name in all the earth; Glorify your name, glorify your name, Glorify your name in all the earth.

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN 632 "The Lord's Prayer"

MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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 the evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, Amen. Amen.

BENEDICTION

THE FOURFOLD AMEN

STAINER

Worship Participants

Minister of Word and Sacrament Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell

Director of Music Ministries **Benjamin April**

Soloist Ron Smith

Deacon of the Day Jerry Kallner

Elder of the Day Marissa Lombardo

Children's Message Sarah Huiest

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