



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am



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✱ - 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

“Evil cannot withstand good people who stand together.”

~ John van de Laar

PRELUDE “Welcome”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in need of grace;
Our world is broken,
and we are broken;
We want things to be different,
we want to be different,
but we need help.
And so, we come in response
to the grace we have already received,
and we open our hearts and lives
to the Spirit of grace.

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Soften our hearts and bring us back to life,
teach us to connect more deeply
with one another,
and to work together to nurture what is good
and starve what is evil;
Help us to make whatever contribution we can
to build the more gracious world
that is your Realm of Love.
Amen.*

*HYMN 669 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

***3 Heal your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.***

***4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.***

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

God, in a world filled with complexity
we try to cope by creating lines and laws
believing we will gain control.
***Help us to let go of needing to be in control;
to accept that complexity is part of the world's beauty
and that we don't need to be frightened by it.***

It is easier to see a person's behavior
and judge them on that alone.
***Help us to see the person past the behavior
and to offer compassion
instead of judgment.***

We want to make your reign of Love a reality, God.
We don't have to be overwhelmed by thinking we have to do
everything,
but we can do something small,
even today.
***Help us to see the connections we have with others,
and to be kind and gracious
towards everyone we encounter;
sharing the love we found in you with them.***

Jesus, you have shown us that healing is possible,
not through punishments but through grace.
***Thank you for seeing all of our failures
and forgiving each one.***

In forgiving us you remove the brokenness,
and restored our identity.
***Thank you for showing us that we are more than our brokenness,
thank you for calling us by name again,
reminding us of who we really are:
loved by you.***

***May we offer this same restoration and grace
to those around us,
reminding them of their unique value
and place in your Wonderland of Love.***
Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord” (3 times)

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

When the world seems too big
and out of our control
it feels safer to protect ourselves,
so we build walls and set boundaries.
***But this only fuels our fear
and we respond with more anger,
envy,
greed,
arrogance,
resentment,
violence,
and self-centeredness.***

It is easy to want to take the law into our own hands, God.
We like to think we know the rules
and can decide who gets to be punished
and who deserves our grace.

***We are sorry for wanting to play
judge, jury and executioner;
for putting conditions on our grace,
and on your grace too.***

Jesus, you overcame evil by responding differently,
you chose grace through love,
compassion,
acceptance,
welcome,
and healing.

***Thank you for showing us that there is another way;
that love overcomes envy,
compassion overcomes greed,
acceptance overcomes arrogance,
welcome overcomes violence
and healing overcomes self-centeredness.
May we be open to your grace today.
Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Shepherd Me, O God” (3 times)

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

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE Hebrews 4:1, Matthew 11:28

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Ellen Buono

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.***

SOLO “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Connection Is A Powerful Force”

*HYMN “Love the Lord”

*Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength*

*With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength*

*I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength*

*I will love you, I will love you.
I will praise you, I will praise you.
I will serve you, I will serve you.
I will trust you, I will trust you.
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will love you Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength*

***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.
Amen.*

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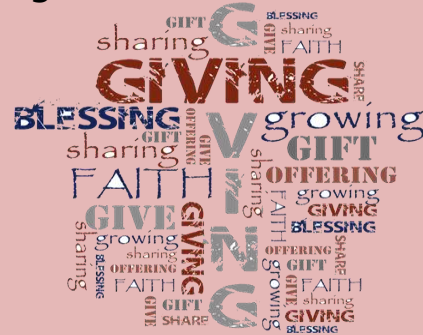
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GENERAL NOTICES

Friday, July 15

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Children at the Lord's Table



Are you interested in having your child make their First Communion? Classes will take place in the month of August and are scheduled to meet the needs of all participants. For more information, please see Sarah Huie at crccsarah@gmail.com.



July's Mission of the Month is Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, "a nonprofit organization that strives to improve lives by giving young people access to education, support and resources that may be otherwise unavailable." Their mission is, "to provide specialized programs, mentoring, professional guidance, and academic and financial support for qualifying high school students in the Capital Region. By assembling a network of business leaders, educational advocates, and dedicated volunteers, promising youth are provided opportunity and access to higher education that may be otherwise unavailable."

To support Sponsor-A-Scholar, you may make a donation through your yellow July "Mission of the Month" offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with "Sponsor-A-Scholar" on the memo line, or directly through their website: <https://crsas.org/donate/>

2021-2022 July Contributions Statements of giving are available on the table located on the sidewalk for you to pick up. Statements that are not picked up will be mailed.

**Outdoor Worship
May 22 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM**

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

Nursery Provider Needed! We have been blessed to have Emma York take care of our youngest parishioners this year. She has been a ray of sunshine during a challenging year. Next year will see exciting changes for Emma, as she heads off to college. We are, therefore, seeking a new individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

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 Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656



Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Amos 7:7-17

Tuesday - Psalm 82

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Thursday - Psalm - 25:1-10

Friday - Colossians 1:1-14

Saturday - Luke 10:25-37

Sunday - The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Prepare my mind to listen to you
today.

Prepare my heart to be filled with
your love today.

Prepare my lips, that they can shout
your praise today.

Prepare my soul, that I can be
attuned to your will today.

Prepare me to feel your presence in
the world today!

Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

We come together, and this we pray:
let us love the Lord our God,
with all our hearts, with all our souls,
with all our strength, with all our
minds, and let us love our neighbor
as ourselves.

By doing this, O God, we will truly
live, because we will live under the
guidance of your words,
and the rest that your love provides.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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