



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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

“The Lord is my shepherd, and he knows I’m gay.”

~ The Rev. Troy Perry

Founder of the Metropolitan Community Church

PRELUDE “Shepherd Me, O God”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WITNESSING STEWARD – Maggie George

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP (a paraphrase of Psalm 23)

God,
You are enough for us;
*you give us rest in soft fields
and beside whispering streams;
you restore and renew us,
and lead us into life-giving ways;*

When death and evil come close to us,
*you carry us through,
you protect and comfort us;
when others seek to do us harm,
your grace uplifts and provides for us
in public view;
you fill us with your strength
and we enjoy overflowing abundance;*

We have confidence that your goodness and compassion
will fill our days,
*and we will stay immersed in your life and
presence forever. Amen.*

*HYMN 268 "The Head that Once Was Crowned With Thorns" (Verses 1-4)

The Head That Once Was Crowned 268

It was fitting that God . . . should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Heb. 2:10

Descant

6. The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him:

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2. The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3. The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4. To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace, is given,

his peo - ple's hope, his peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme!

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y Vic - tor's brow.
 the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal light.
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know.
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,
 they reign with him above,
 their profit and their joy to know
 the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him:
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme!

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✱RESPONSIVE READING

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you
to care for all that are close to us,
to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
and love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you
to spread compassion to those who are far away,
to speak for those who are voiceless,
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,
to work for justice for those who are exploited,
to make peace for those who suffer violence,
to take the time to recognize our connectedness,
and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you
and to be faithful to the calling you gave us
to be shepherds in your name. Amen.

✱MEDITATION “The Lord is My Light”

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It hides in every corner,
it crosses every boundary;
Your life, O God, ignores limits.

We know it in the safe ones we love and enjoy;

but, if we look, it appears in those who are different,
challenging,
frightening,
unknown,
strange;

Your life, O God, ignores limits.

It's easy to see in those who are healthy and comfortable;
vibrant, joyful and privileged to have access
to the wonder-inspiring experiences that life offers;

but, if we look, it appears in those who seem lost to life,
poor and weak,
sick and broken and unable to move
beyond their limited horizons;

Your life, O God, ignores limits.

And so, we celebrate your life, wherever it may be found,

and we commit ourselves to be life-seekers,
discerning and acknowledging life
in every person, every moment and every space. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Shepherd Me, O 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 – Jerry Kallner

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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.***

CHORAL ANTHEM “Saved by Grace”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

MORNING MESSAGE “Know To Whom You Belong”

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



*HYMN 77 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
 thee, sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain: glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

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*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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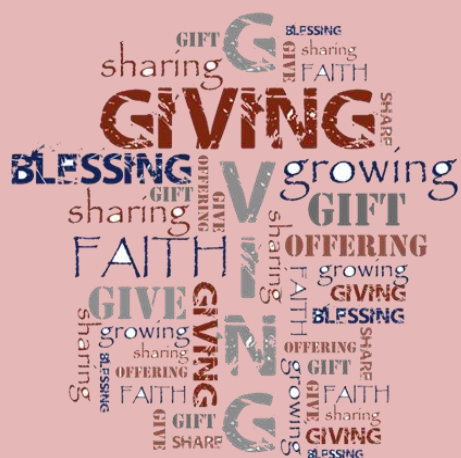
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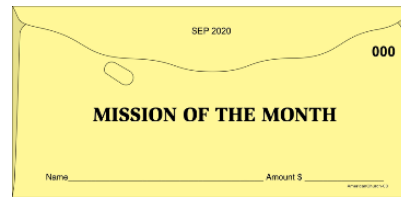
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