

*Trinity Sunday*  
*First Sunday after*  
*Pentecost*  
*May 26, 2024*

## Order of Service – 10:00 am

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

### *Words of Welcome*

***“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.”***

(Matthew 22:37-40)

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.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you,  
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

### CONTEMPLATION

The doctrine of the Trinity...is truth for the heart.  
The fact that it can not be satisfactorily explained,  
instead of being against it, is in its favor.  
Such a truth had to be revealed; no one could imagine it.

Aiden Wilson Tozer

PRELUDE “The Gift of Love”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

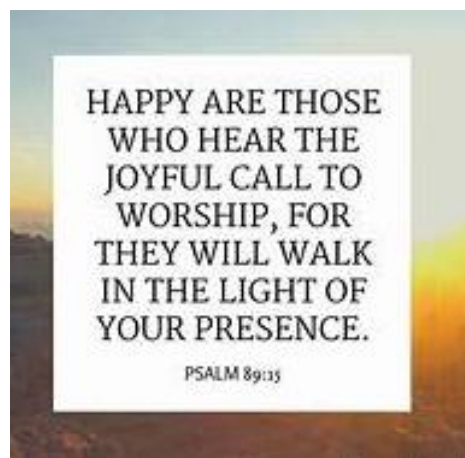
CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God  
*is the life, the sustenance, of all that is – seen and unseen.*

The Life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ  
*is the re-creation, the renewed birth of every broken,  
wounded and sinful creature.*

The Breath you breathed, and keep breathing, O Spirit  
*is the inspiration for creativity, compassion and  
community that connects and unites all that God has made.*

Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God,  
*our worship seeks to honor you,  
our hearts are devoted to you,  
and our lives are completely given over to you.  
Amen.*



\* HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
 light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

We are a world that is desperate for you, God.

When powers struggle for dominance,  
and war, oppression and abuse result;  
When groups of people oppose one another  
because of ideology, religion or culture;

***We need a God who is bigger than ourselves,  
and our personal interests.***

When people are disregarded and devalued  
because of poverty, geography or disease;  
When compassion and justice is withheld to some  
because of sexuality, race or gender;

***We need a Savior who is more compassionate than we  
are who includes even those we would exclude.***

When resources are mismanaged and abused,  
and the world and its creatures are destroyed;  
When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply to  
address the challenges that we face;

***We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative  
than we could ever be.***

Lord God, Loving Savior, Empowering Spirit,  
we offer you these prayers  
because we need you so desperately.

***Captivate us, call us and fill us, that we may be carriers of  
your eternal life to this world that you love so dearly. Amen.***

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord”

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we play God, pretending we know best for ourselves and those around us, and seeking to control what is uncontrollable, we reveal our idolatry.

***Forgive us and help us, O God.***

When we act like martyrs, hiding our selfishness and brokenness behind a mask of self-sacrifice and self-righteousness, we reveal our lovelessness.

***Forgive us and help us, O Christ.***

When we fail to be the people we long to be, repeating the same mistakes, forgetting the same lessons, losing heart and running out of energy and inspiration, we reveal our weakness.

***Forgive us and help us, O Spirit.***

Triune God, we need you to come to us again as God, as Savior, as Counsellor. Thank you that our forgiveness, healing and growth lies not in how hard we work, but in how gracious you are. And so we pray, with all that we are:

***Forgive us and help us. For the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.***

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.*

ANTHEM "You Are My King"

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of

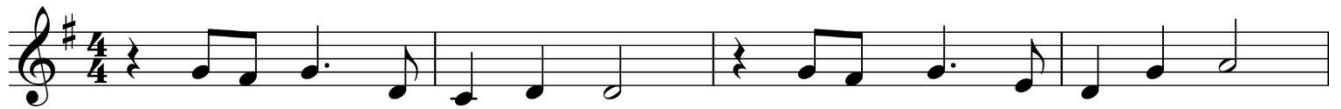
it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Word of The Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** “Three in One?”



**\*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"**



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*



Here I am, Lord.\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord?\_\_\_\_ I have



heard you call-ing in the night.\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord,\_\_\_\_ if you



lead me.\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.\_\_\_\_



**\*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.*

**Worship Team**

Worship Leader <b>Sarah Huiest</b>	Soloist <b>Marv Helf</b>
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Deacon of the Day <b>Kevin Bottini</b>	Video Technician <b>Addison York</b>
Liturgist <b>Alex Huiest</b>	Welcome Host <b>Lou Ann Connelly</b>
	Coffee Hour Host <b>Linda Murphy</b>

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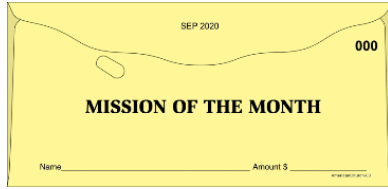
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**In-Person Worship Guidelines** - Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others. Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

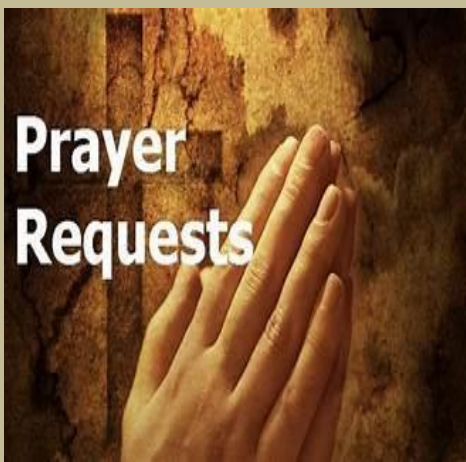
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