

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



November 7, 2021
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*

Jesus wept,
and in his weeping,
he joined himself forever
to all those who mourn.
He stands now throughout all time,
this Jesus weeping,
with his arms about the weeping ones.
“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”
He stands with the mourners
for his name is God-with-us.
Jesus wept.

~ Ann Weems

PRELUDE "Getting Used to the Family of God"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT "Make Me a Servant"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who teaches us the way of peace through life together, who fills us with visions of your eternal reign:

as we now celebrate the communion of saints, pour into our hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let us worship God.

Amen.

HYMN "For All the Saints"

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE DAY

From Ted Yoder's, *Guerrillas of Grace*

O God of all seasons and senses, grant us the sense of your timing to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the turn of the seasons. In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold,

teach us the lessons of endings; children growing, friends leaving, loved ones dying, grieving over, grudges over, blaming over, excuses over. O God grant us a sense of your timing.

In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold,

teach us the lessons of beginnings; that such waitings and endings may be the starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born—something right and just and different, a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love—in the fullness of your time.

O God grant us the sense of your timing.

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***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Melody York

COMBINED DEACON'S AND ELDER'S PRAYER

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for your church . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray for your world . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. We pray for all victims of disaster...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky — for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. We pray for your creation . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for all who are in need of your healing touch. . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever.

Amen.

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 "All The Souls Who've Been Set Free"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Quiet Saints"

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Shepard Me O God"

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and most loving God, we thank you for these lives that have blessed ours in so many, many ways. We thank you for the memories we have of our lives together.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.
In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.
In the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of the autumn,
we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.
When we have achievements that are based on theirs,
we remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

HYMN "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

***Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.***

***Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:***

*With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "The Irish Blessing"

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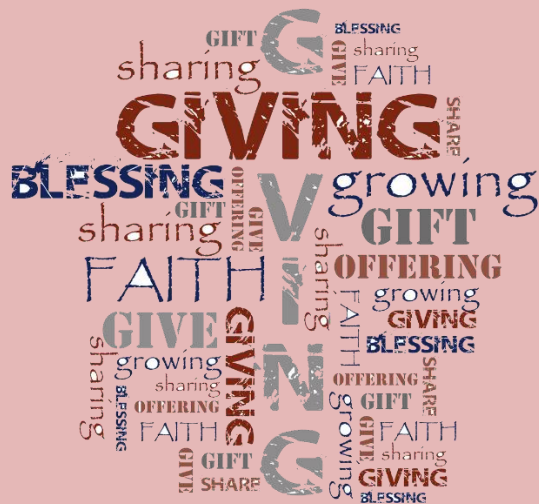
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Monday, November 8

Community Reformed's Quilt Group will meet 5:30-8:00 PM to construct walker bags and lap quilts for the residents of Shaker Place Nursing Home. Our meeting will include time for sewing the items and will conclude with devotions. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one, thread, and any fabric you have appropriate for the project. Walker Bag kits will be provided. Even if you have no sewing experience, or you do not have a sewing machine, please feel welcome to come and help. For more information, contact Lou Ann.

Tuesday, November 9

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 10

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study - 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday, November 13,

Women's Bible Study - All are welcome to attend at 9:30 at the church or via Zoom.

Colonie Community Day Care Center's Christmas Wreath Sale –

This year the Day Care is offering two sizes of wreaths. 12” wreath for \$30. and a 16” wreath for \$35. You may choose red, plaid, or burgundy ribbon or choose a whimsical ribbon (ex. snowman, dogs, cats, gnomes or others). Order forms will be on the table at the back of the Sanctuary, or you can email Carol at cgrasso9@yahoo.com . You may also order by phoning Carol at 518-869-0131. The orders are due by November 24th. The wreaths will be in during the first week in December. Thank you for your support!

Sunday School Teacher - We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

ZOOM

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

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

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Tuesday - Psalm 127
Wednesday - 1 Kings 17:8-16
Thursday - Psalm 146
Friday Hebrews - 9:24-28
Saturday - Mark 12:38-44
Sunday - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God,
help me to live by your commandments
as I strive to love you
and my neighbors with all I have. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious Lord,
thank you for watching over me throughout the day.
Help me to meditate on your ways as I rest tonight.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



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