

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



November 12, 2023  
10:00 am

Sanctuary Worship

Order of Service

\* - 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

"There is a season for everything under the sun -  
even when we can't see the sun."

~Jared Brock

This is Communion Sunday. If you wish to receive gluten free bread,  
please inform the elder or the pastor before the Service begins)

PRELUDE "Turn, Turn, Turn"

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

## THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the house of the Lord. Come with your prayers,  
your presence, your gifts and your service.

***We bring the gift of prayer to this house. We raise to God  
our hopes and our fears, our wounds and our triumphs.***

We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and  
fellowship, work and witness.

***We bring the gift of our treasure,  
given freely from our hearts to be used in service to God.***

We bring the gift of service, commitment of our time and talents  
to serve God by working in God's world.

***This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words  
can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come,  
remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor  
and praise!***



\* HYMN 574 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

# 574 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

*For none of us lives . . . alone and none of us dies . . . alone. Rom. 14:7*

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
 4. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that  
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that  
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872, alt.  
 MUSIC: Robert A. Schumann, 1839

CANONBURY  
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## CALL TO 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 to 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.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Righteous God,  
We confess that we have not lived as your obedient children.  
We have honored you with our words,  
but we have denied you with our actions.  
We have not pursued the mind of Christ,  
who took the form of a servant,  
for we have acted with selfish ambition.  
We have put our interests before the interests of others  
and have not regarded them in humility.  
Forgive us our arrogance,  
awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,  
and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ” (3 times)

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

## DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

## ANTHEM “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

## THE MORNING MESSAGE “Changing Seasons”

## 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.*

*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 OFFERING**

## **\*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 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"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your

glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est!

## 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



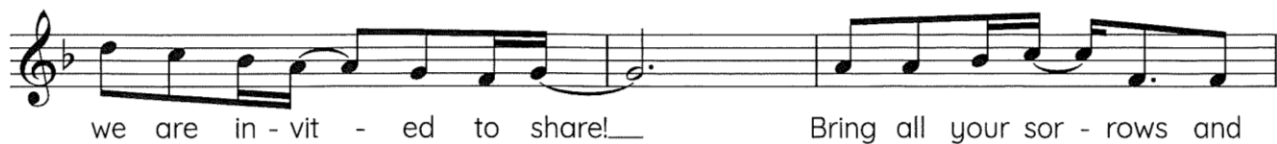
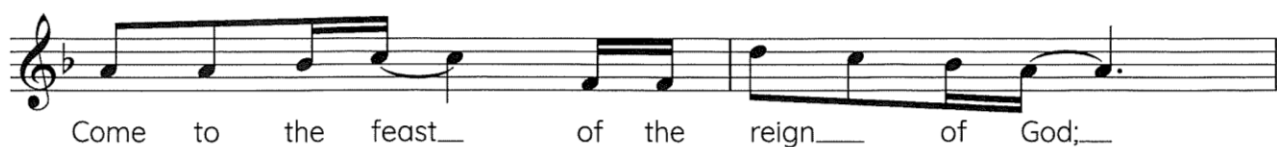
## "COME TO THE FEAST"



*For around this table, you will find your family.*



*And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.*

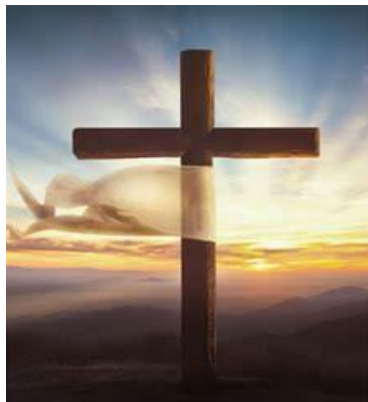


*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the  
broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*

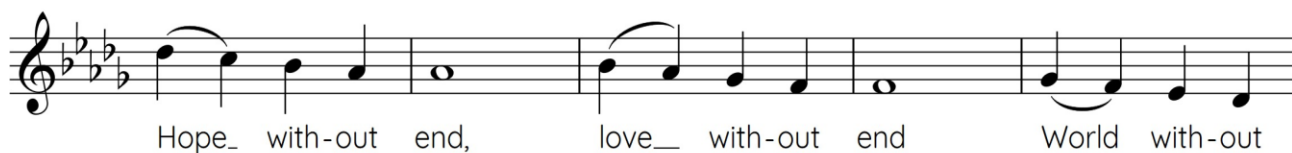


## COMMUNION PRAYER

***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:***



## "GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"

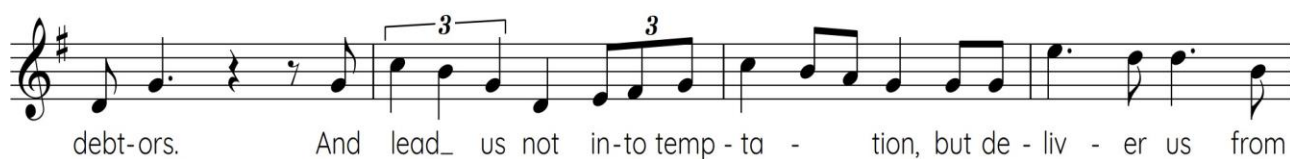


## COMMUNION

### 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 "The Lord's Prayer"



**\*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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**Linda Murphy**

Deacon of the Day  
**Kevin Bottini**

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**Lou Ann Connelly**

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**Mark Kaercher**

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**Linda Murphy**

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**Ben April**

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**Maggie George**  
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### **Holy Lord**

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### **Mystery of Faith**

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### **Glory Be to Almighty God**

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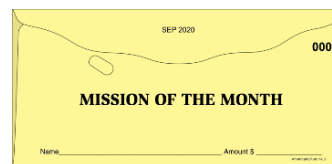
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## **Special Offering Envelopes –**

### **The special offering envelopes for November.**

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at [crcclori@gmail.com](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com).



**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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To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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