



Reign of Christ

November 26, 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

“As followers of Jesus Christ living in this world – which some seek to control but which others view with despair – we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God” And we believe that one day every challenge to God’s rule and every resistance to Gods ’will shall be crushed. This God’s kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord will reign forever.”

Our World Belongs to God

PRELUDE “For the Fruit of All Creation”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I will declare that your steadfast love is established forever,

And your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready to sing and give you praise, honor and glory.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among all the peoples and throughout the nations.

Let us praise the Lord our God here in this place and in every place.

For God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

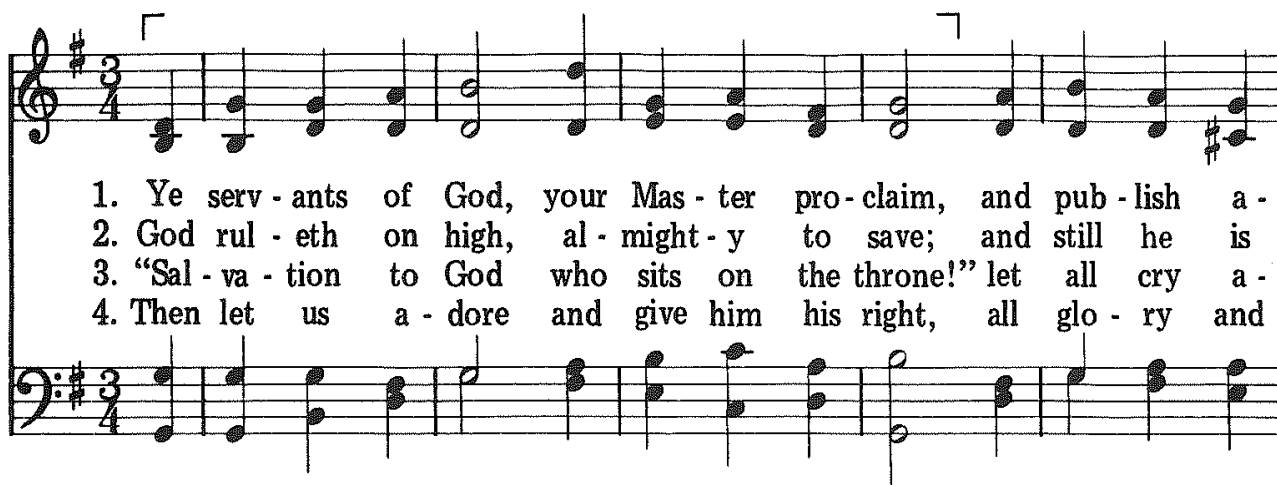
INVOCATION

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, where the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive is set free. Guide us by your truth and love until we and all people proclaim your reign of justice and compassion. Bless our worship today and our service each day that it will be a vision of your grace. Amen.

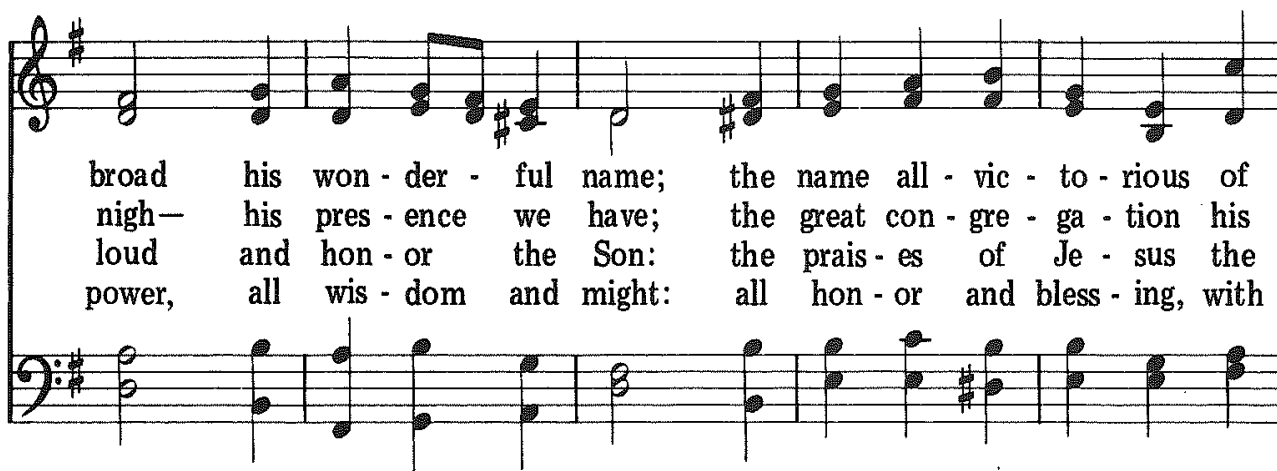
* HYMN 103 "Ye Servants of God"

Ye Servants of God, Your Master 103

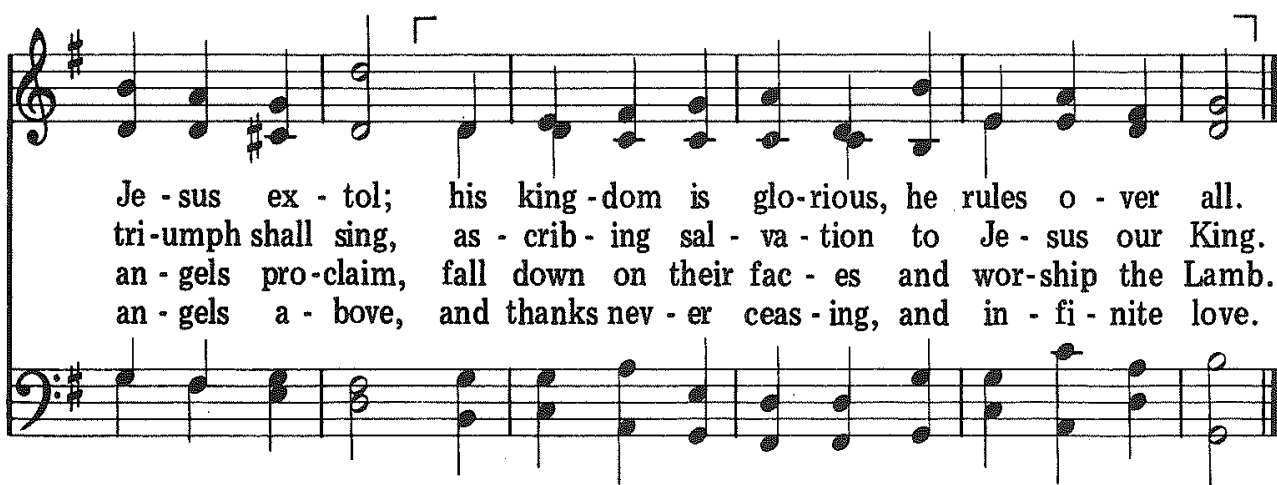
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Ps. 100:2



1. Ye serv - ants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!" let all cry a -
 4. Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name all - vic - to - rious of
 nigh - his pres - ence we have; the great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son: the prais - es of Je - sus the
 power, all wis - dom and might: all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious, he rules o - ver all.
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
 MUSIC: William Croft, 1708

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE DAY

It's a tough thing for us to learn, Jesus, how you hide in the most unlikely places; how you beckon us into life and compassion by disguising yourself in broken humanity. But, when our eyes are opened, we discover that we are never far from your heart, from your kingdom. And so, we ask you to show yourself to us again, and lead us into prayerful action.

Help us to share your grief when lives are needlessly lost
*simply because they have no money for food or shelter...
because they have no access to medicine and care...
because they have no choice but to live where war and
violence constantly threaten;*

Help us to feel your offense when the least are exploited
*by the lust of those who are physically stronger...
by the greed of those who are financially richer...
by the disregard of those who are politically more powerful.*

Help us to know your pain when what you have created is destroyed
*by the carelessness of expediency by the short-sightedness
of progress at all costs by the sense of entitlement of
proud humanity.*

Teach us to welcome you, Jesus,
*by welcoming those in whom your image is hidden,
and by working, in our small worlds, to make visible your
kingdom where all are welcomed. Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Blessing & Praise" (3 times)

*Blessing and praise be given,
Blessing and praise be given.
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,
Comes in the name of the Lord.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them for the work was too hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them because I did not want to see. You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave you a small part that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it was convenient for me to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Beloved friends: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting us, forgiving us, and guiding us into gracious living.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 “God is Doing Something New”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 95:1-7a

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Public Displays of Grace”

*HYMN 381 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Mt. 13:39

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,
 3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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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.
Amen.*

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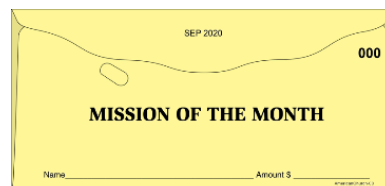
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Special Offering Envelopes –

There are Two 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 crclori@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

ZOOM

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

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

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