



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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.

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

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“Come to him, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals yet chose and precious in God’s sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.”

I Peter 2:4

PRELUDE “Nocturne No. 20 in C-sharp minor”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WITNESSING STEWARD – Deb Desnoyers

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE Christ Candle

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives, and our only trust.

We desire to live as the people of God and to seek God in worship,
fellowship, and service.

***We have come with a song of joy in our hearts and a hunger and
thirst for God’s word in our souls.***

We have come to learn and discover our place in God’s kingdom and
our world.

Teach us your ways, O Lord, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

So we can serve God with honesty and integrity.

* HYMN 45 "Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my *Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by thy help I've come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name— I'm fixed up - on it— name of God's re - deem - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* 1 Samuel 7:12

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole being, heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to become who you call us to be, direct what we can be for you and in our world and guide our living so walking in your ways we will honor and glorify you. 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

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

From the hand of God we have received ample provisions.
Jesus, the bread of life, quells our hunger. Christ, the true vine, quenches our thirst.

If we are made one with him in love, let us live as he lives,
With compassion that does not spurn the sick or poor, with generosity that gives even out of poverty, with the humbleness to count self-last and others with honor.

So, let us offer ourselves to God to be instruments of God’s mercy and grace.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

ANTHEM “You Are the Bread”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Evelyn Desnoyers
Alexander Huiest
Addison York

THE ORDER FOR PROFESSION OF FAITH

Preparation

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Together with the congregation, let us confess our faith as we answer these questions:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:1-17

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in God's love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE - "Where Do You Fit In"

HYMN 503 "Now I Belong to Jesus"

1. Je - sus my Lord will love me for - ev - er, from him no power of
 2. Once I was lost in sin's deg - ra - da - tion; Je - sus came down to
 3. Joy floods my soul for Je - sus has saved me, freed me from sin that

e - vil can sev - er; he gave his life to ran - som my soul,
 bring me sal - va - tion, lift - ed me up from sor - row and shame;
 long had en-slaved me; his pre-cious blood he gave to re - deem—

Refrain

now I be-long to him. Now I be-long to Je - sus, Je - sus be-longs to

me, not for the years of time a - lone, but for e - ter - ni - ty.

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.*

This is something we do together.
*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence
of the Lord".*

*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.

*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.***

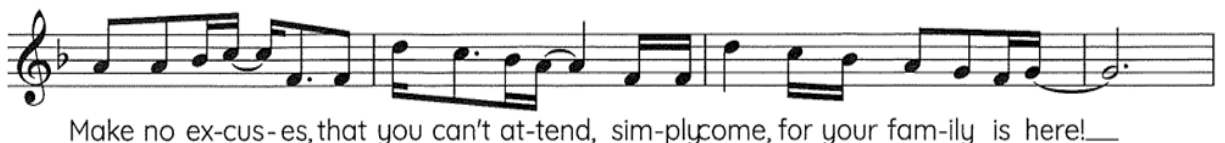
He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

***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



For around this table, you will find your family.



Come not be-cause you have to,____ come not to prove you are saved,



come not to speak, or to hear what's ex - pect - ed, have



cour - age to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ leads!

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



Come to the feast____ of the reign____ of God;____



we are in - vit - ed to share!____ Bring all your sor - rows and



all of your_ joy; the bro - ken are all____ wel-come here!____

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



Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!____ Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!____



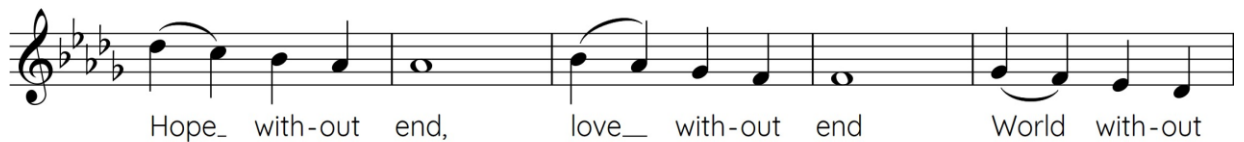
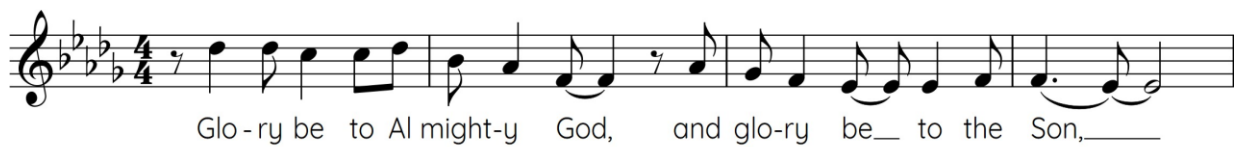
Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!_____

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

AMEN

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"



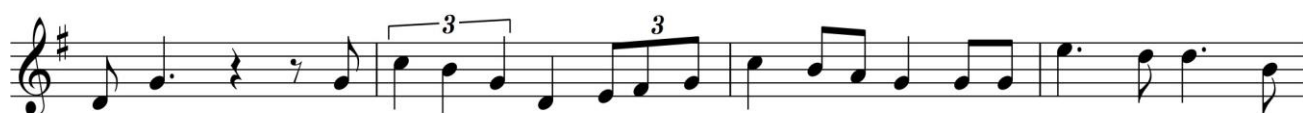
Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name.



Thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.




Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our debts, as we for - give our



debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from



e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and thine is the pow - er, and thine is the glo - ry, for



ev - er, for - ev - er, for - ev - er. A -



men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

***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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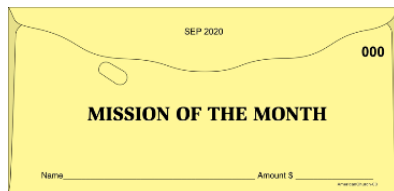
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The special offering envelopes for May

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.



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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JOHN 15:12-13