



## *The Second Sunday in Lent*

March 5, 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**

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." ~ C. S. Lewis

## PRELUDE “The Basin & The Towel”

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

**THE PRAYER QUILT** this morning is for Zachary Huiest, a young man in our congregation, who has requested our prayers for issues he struggles with on a daily basis.

**THE ELDER’S PRAYER** – Marissa Lombardo

## THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

**INTROIT** “Sanctuary”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In every moment when we seek meaning,  
***you are there, Divine Spirit.***

In every confused and hurting soul  
***your presence is a comfort, Great Mystery.***

Every question we may imagine and ask  
***is welcomed by you, Holy One.***

Every flash of insight we may receive  
***is given by you, Wisdom of the Ages.***

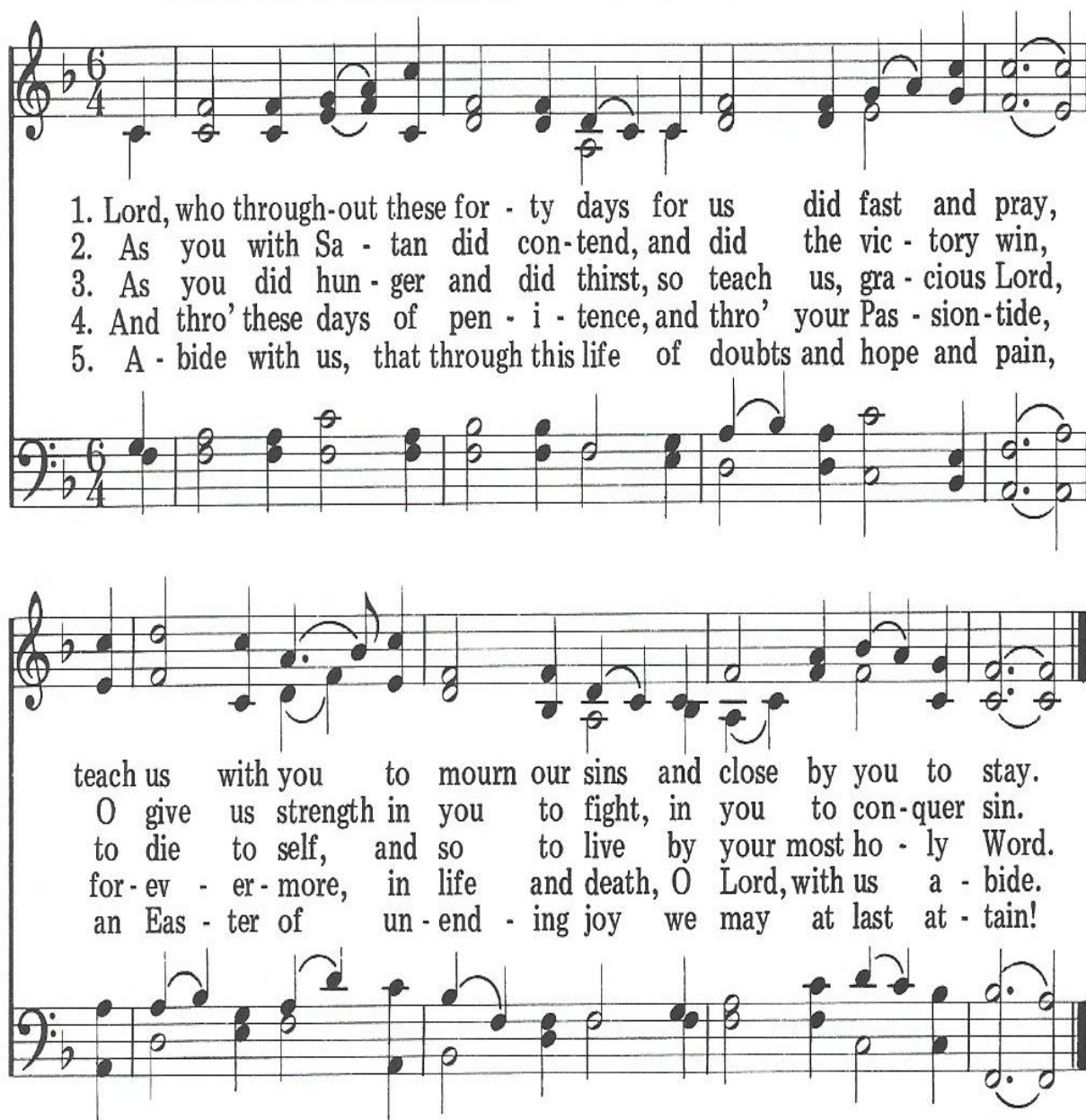
In all our attempts to make sense of life and death,  
suffering and healing,

grief and joy,  
***your wisdom guides us,***  
***your love sustains us,***  
***and your Light fills us, Lover of All.***

***Once again as we bring our whole selves***  
***into this act of worship,***  
***may we open our minds, hearts, souls, and bodies***  
***to your truth and grace, O God.***

***Amen.***

## \* HYMN 200 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic - tory win,  
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4. And thro' these days of pen - i - tence, and thro' your Pas - sion-tide,  
5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,

teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.  
to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly Word.  
for-ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in our moments of suffering  
we might believe we have done something wrong,  
that you must be punishing us,  
that our faith isn't strong enough  
to heal ourselves.

***Forgive us for blaming ourselves  
for something that is actually  
just part of life.***

But we don't always see it that way.  
We want easy answers  
and clear explanations for our pain.  
We have felt the hurt and loss and grief  
for so long  
and we can't keep going  
without knowing.

***Forgive us for wanting suffering to have meaning  
through simple answers.***

***It's easier to blame it on something  
than to face and embrace our pain.***

If we were to face our pain,  
we would see that it is a normal part of life.

If we were to face our pain,  
we would find growth and new life.

***We see in nature that life and death and new life  
is all part of the cycle.***

***Thank you for always breathing  
new life into the ashes,  
for allowing new life to sprout***

***When we find ourselves in the darkness,  
consumed by suffering,  
may we remember that this too shall pass,  
and new life waits for us  
if we can just hold on.***

***Amen.***

## **TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come O Lord & Set Us Free” (3 times)**

*Come, O Lord, and set us free;  
Give your people peace.  
Come, O Lord, and set us free;  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Lisa McGee**

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

## **ANTHEM “You Are the Bread”**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON 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.

## **THE MORNING MESSAGE "Every Christian's Story"**

## **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" (3 times)

*Sing 3 times*



## 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

## 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:***



# "GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Fa - ther, we love you,  
Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
Spir - it, we love you,

This system of musical notation is in 4/4 time. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth; \_\_\_\_\_

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff, indicated by a horizontal line, which corresponds to the lyrics "earth;".

glo - ri - fy your name, \_\_\_\_\_ glo - ri - fy your name,

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note in the treble staff, indicated by a horizontal line, which corresponds to the lyrics "name,".

glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth! \_\_\_\_\_

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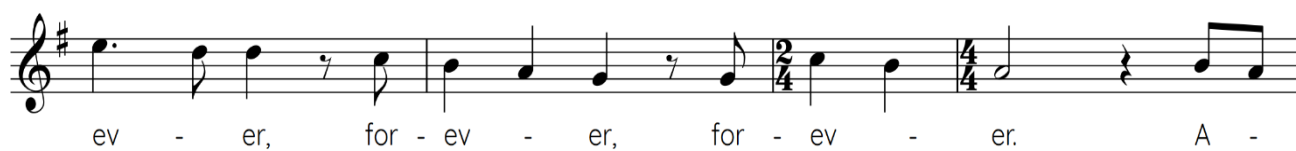
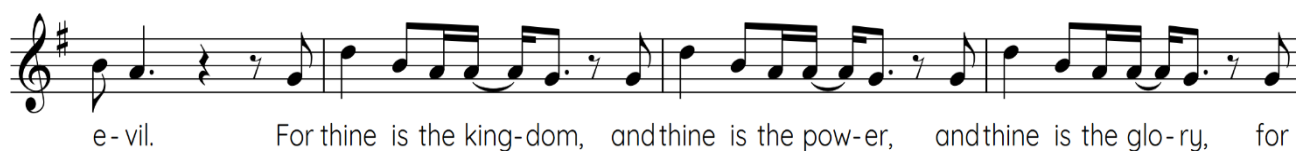
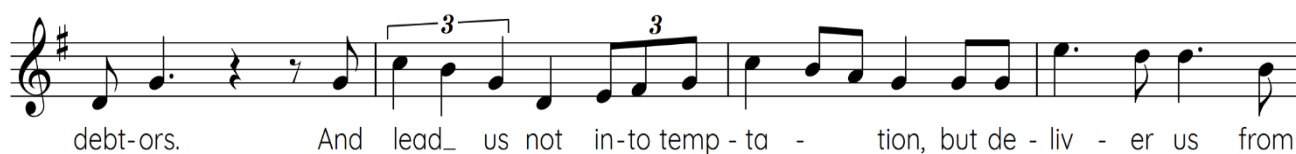
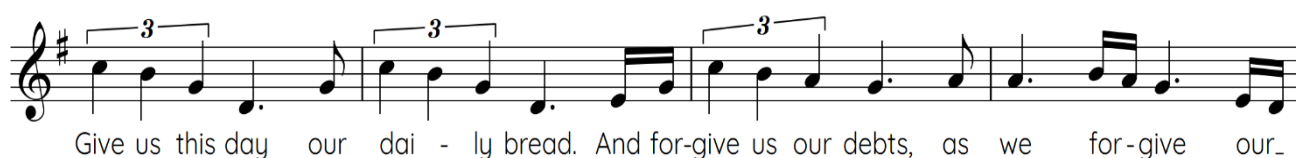
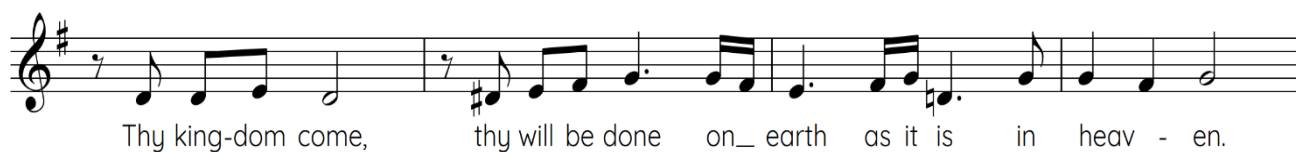
## COMMUNION

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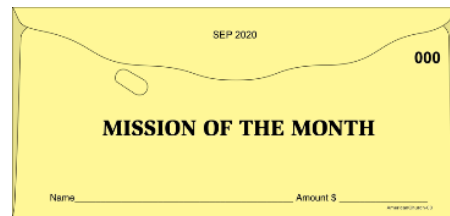
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**The special offering envelopes for March.**

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