

The Transfiguration of Jesus

February 19, 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

“Affirmations are our mental vitamins, providing the supplementary positive thoughts we need to balance the barrage of negative events and thoughts we experience daily.”

~ Tia Walker, *The Inspired Caregiver:
Finding Joy While Caring for Those You Love*

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Côté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

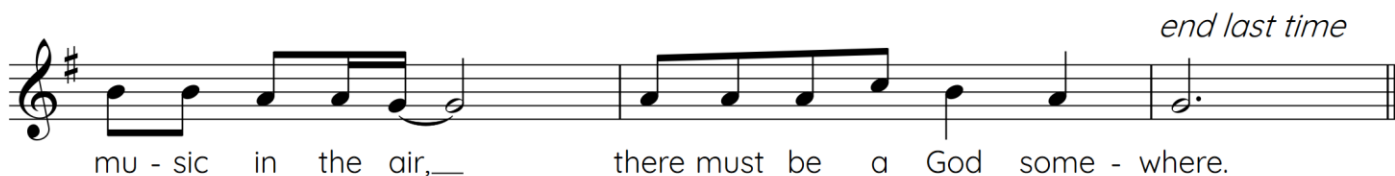
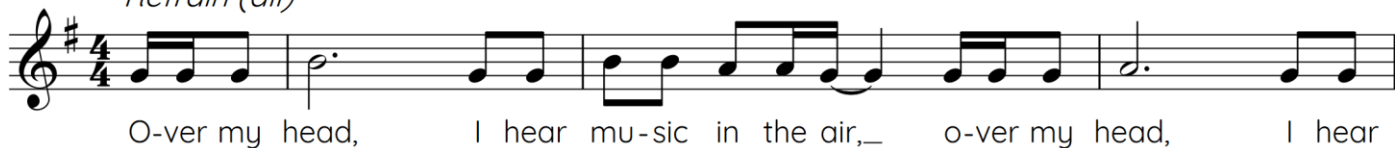
CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the pre-dawn glow
that promises yet another new beginning;
You are the still dusk
that brings rest to a weary world;
You are the prophecy
of God’s life-giving Word inscribed on our hearts;
You are the law
that finds its fulfilment in love;
You are the mountain
where the presence of God blazes and burns;
You are the valley
where the face of God peeks out from suffering eyes;
You are the glory that we long for,
the whispered rumor of a different order,
the Shining One who transfigures all things.
You are the One we worship. Amen.



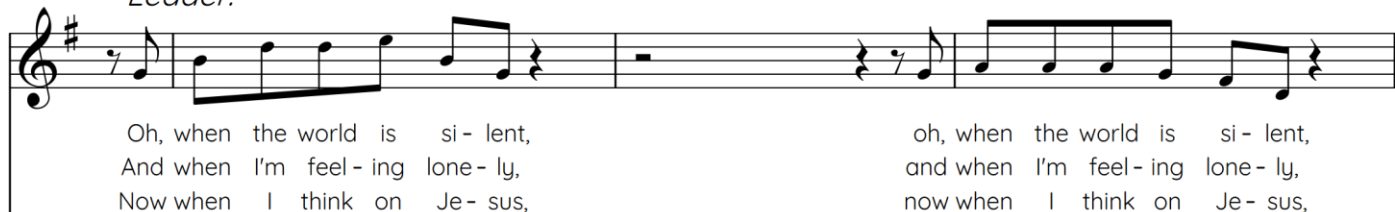
* HYMN "Over My Head"

Refrain (all)



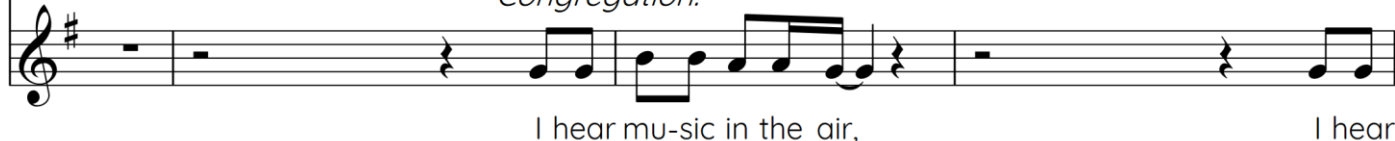
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Leader:

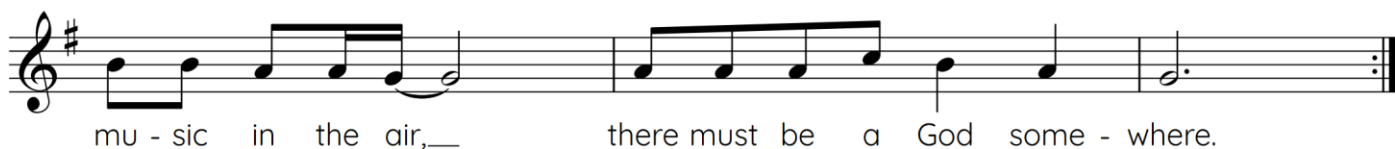


oh, when the world is si - lent,
and when I'm feel - ing lone - ly,
now when I think on Je - sus,

Congregation:



oh, when the world is si - lent,
and when I'm feel - ing lone - ly,
now when I think on Je - sus,



* RESPONSIVE READING FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Lord, you are the mighty one, You created light; you send your light around the world.

You sent your son into the world of darkness as the one true light, the light that brings hope to all.

And yet we want to capture it like a firefly and keep it to ourselves
so that only we have the good feelings and experience.

At the same time there are those who would reject your light, try to find any way imaginable to cover the light.

But God, you told us to be the light of the world and to let our light shine.

And so today as we pray, we want to let our light shine for others
whose light may have grown dim, or has almost gone out or, yes, even are in the dark.

We want to shine the light of hope to those who are discouraged, dejected, desponded and disappointed.

We want to shine your light of love to those who are our enemies, are hated, are bullies, abused, bullied, disenfranchised.

We want to shine your light of grace to those who have given up, don't believe God loves them, and don't feel wanted, lonely and needy.

We want to shine your light of faith, for those who are hungry to believe yet are not sure, those who have struggled a long time with chronic illnesses, frustration, anger and disbelief.

Lord, we carry your light into this world for all to see ...

to see what a glorious and wonderful God you are. Amen

*TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Sing Praise and Bless the Lord" (3 times)

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.

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Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes it feels like it doesn't really matter, God,
*if we ignore the needs of our spouse,
or shout at the kids unnecessarily,
or elaborate on the truth just a little, so we look better,
or waste the resources our world so generously gives;*

Sometimes it just feels silly to worry about making things beautiful,
*to keep reaching for the best of the good, and not just the
easy, to stay true to what is true.*

What difference does it really make, in the big scheme of things,
*if we just take the easy way, the not-bad-but-could-be-better
way?*

And then we come here, and we remember. You do not change to
accommodate our good-enoughness, our that'll-do-ness;
*You do not darken the sun just a little, so we won't feel so
dull, or switch off some of the stars to keep us from feeling
small.*

You are holy – whole-y – one and complete and God;
*You are Light and Life and Love and Fullness – you can be no
other; You are Beauty and Goodness and Truth – brilliant and
dazzling;*

And it is we who must change, we who come to this place to worship,
*It is we who must choose to gaze on your holiness & beauty,
and be changed into glory.*

*And, so here we are, God. Please, show us yourself.
Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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 “Your Love Endures Forever”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “How to Do Church”

*HYMN "I've Got Peace Like a River"



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got
 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got
 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, I've got



peace like a riv - er in my soul. _____ I've got
 joy like a foun-tain in my soul. _____ I've got
 love like an o - cean in my soul. _____ I've got



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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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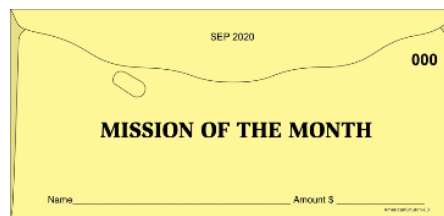
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Special Offering Envelopes –

There are three special offering envelopes for February.

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

ZOOM

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

<https://tinyurl.com/CRCCZoom>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Prayer E-Chain

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