



# *The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



September 18, 2022

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

“The kingdom is not an exclusive, well-trimmed suburb with snobbish rules about who can live there. No, it is for a larger, homelier, less self-conscious caste of people who understand they are sinners because they have experienced the yaw and pitch of moral struggle.”

~ [Brennan Manning](#)

[The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out](#)

PRELUDE "In Christ Alone"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Côté

INTROIT "Change My Heart, O God"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100:2

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
**Amen.**

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence...**

Worship the Lord with gladness; come...

**Worship the Lord with gladness...**

Worship the Lord...

**Worship...**

*(Silence)*

Grace to you and peace from God everlasting and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\* HYMN "As A Fire is Meant for Burning"

***As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.***

***We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.***

***As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.***

## RESPONSIVE READING

Our world overflows with stories, Jesus,  
*so many lives,*  
*so many ways of being human.*

So why are we satisfied with so few?

Why do we keep telling the same stories over and over,  
*of the wealthy and powerful and beautiful?*

Why do we so carelessly pass by the rich and unpredictable stories  
*of the unseen who in a million magical ways,*  
*make a life out of nothing?*

God, forgive our narrow interests,  
and our lazy entertainments;  
*Make us biographers of the least,*  
*who listen to the untold stories of the shadow people,*  
*and bring them into the light.*

Give us the curiosity and the restlessness  
to search out the forgotten,  
*the neglected,*  
*the unwanted,*  
*the discarded,*  
*and the worn out,*  
to learn their legends,  
*and to acknowledge their place*  
*in the epic story of humanity.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (3 times)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*  
*In the Lord I will rejoice.*  
*Look to God, do not be afraid.*  
*Lift up your voices the Lord is near,*  
*Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

So many voices trumpet their greatness,  
so many images boast of their beauty,  
flaunt their power,  
squander their wealth;  
and all too many of them do so in your name, Jesus.

And here we are in a world which is daily broken  
by the foolish arrogance of men and women just like us;  
And so we pray for the healing of humility to flood every corner  
of our world:

wherever there is exploitation  
***and God-imaged people are dehumanised;***  
wherever there is neglect  
***and the needs of the poorest are ignored;***  
wherever there is disdain,  
***and the sacred value of creatures and earth are denied;***  
wherever there is violence,  
***and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.***

Wherever people are tempted to think of themselves  
as better than others,  
more worthy, more deserving, more important to you,  
***may your humility break in and challenge us,***  
***reminding us of our brokenness and need,***  
***and teaching us to serve and to love everyone***  
***with the grace and humility you show toward us. 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.***

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - Luke 1:68, 77-78

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

## 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** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Excerpts from Jeremiah 29

These are the words that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles in Babylon: Now is the time to build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** "Plans and Possibilities"

**HYMN 517** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

***1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness:  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.***

**Refrain:**

***On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

***2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]***

***3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]***

**\*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.***

The Prayer of Confession and the Responsive Reading,  
were written by John van de Laar

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Today, Sunday School** for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

**Today, Choir Rehearsal** - Will rehearse from approx. 11:15 to 12:00. Rehearsal will take place after worship the following Sunday, September 18th. We will not rehearse before worship either Sunday.

**Monday, September 19**

**"Shirley's Shawls"** - at **6:00pm** the prayer shawl ministry of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will meet in the gathering room.

Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to join us. Please contact Linda Murphy with any questions, [lindamurph98@aol.com](mailto:lindamurph98@aol.com)

**Thursday, September 22**

**The Wired Word Bible Study** - 7:00-8:00pm  
Lesson - "Another Tall Jesus Statue Raised"

**Friday, September 23**

**Al-Anon** - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

## Newcomer Orientation

Individuals interested in affiliating with the Community Reformed Church of Colonie are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation Sessions offered by Rev. Cornwell either on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour (8:50 – 9:40 am) or at a mutually agreed upon time during the week. There will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will include discussions about Reformed Christianity, The Reformed Church in America, The Worshipping Community, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. These classes are also available to individuals who do not wish to affiliate with the church but who would simply like to know more about our denomination and church. For additional information, please speak to Rev. Cornwell.

## Youth Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking a Sunday school teacher for grades 3-6 on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45. The curriculum with lessons and activity suggestions is provided. Please see Sarah Huiest, if interested.

We are in great need of individuals to lead Children's Worship in the gathering room during 10:00 worship. Following the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2nd grade go back to the gathering room for a Bible story and craft activity. Everything needed for the lesson and craft activity is already provided. Please see Sarah Huiest, if interested.



*November 6  
10 AM*

*On this special Sunday, our church family  
gives thanks to God for  
“all the saints from whom their labors rest”.  
Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles  
we honor those who we dearly love  
and will always remember.*



## **Volunteers Are Needed to Help with Outdoor Maintenance of the Church**

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church? Below is a list of areas that need attention. For a more detailed description visit the Church website. You may also contact Kevin or Lori. Contact Lori Cote (crrclori@gmail.com), or Kevin Ingalls (kki243@verizon.net) Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

**Fencing around HVAC units**

**Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road**

**Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary**

### **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>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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**Lynne Gilgore**

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**Karl Côté**

Deacon of the Day  
**Kevin Ingalls**

Liturgist

Children's Message  
**Mark Kaercher**

Soloist  
**Ben April**

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15  
Tuesday - Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
Wednesday - Amos 6:1, 4-7  
Thursday - Psalm 146  
Friday - 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Saturday - Luke 16:19-31  
Sunday - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

We praise and worship you, O God.  
From the heights of the heavens  
you look down upon the earth  
to lift up the poor and needy.  
Help us to glorify your name this day,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

We belong to you, O God;  
we are yours alone.  
Keep us faithful as you are faithful—  
in all things, great and small—  
so that when this world passes away  
we may be welcomed into an eternal home;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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