

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



***Sunday,  
August 27, 2023  
9:00 AM***

Outdoor Worship  
Order of Service

**Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM**

\* - 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**

Martin Luther did not regard the water in baptism as common water, but as a water which had become, through the Word with its inherent divine power, a gracious water of life, a washing of regeneration. Through this divine efficacy of the Word the sacrament effects regeneration.

~ Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

INTROIT “Make Me a Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

With a heart as soft as a baby's skin,  
With wonder as holy as the depth of an infant's eyes,  
***We come to worship.***

With joy as abundant as a toddler's giggle,  
With excitement as contagious as a child's first steps,  
***We gather for worship.***


With hope as wondrous as a child's first words,  
With praise as awesome as a children's choir,  
***We come to sing and pray. We gather to be blessed and encouraged.***



\*HYMN 45 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 45


Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Ps. 68:19




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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## \*RESPONSIVE READING

Gracious God, throughout this day help us to remember that a very real portion of your Kingdom has been placed in our keeping.

Therefore, teach us to love you:

***With all our hearts...***

That we may love those whom you love, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult, your own everlasting mercy and compassion;

***With all our souls...***

That we may seek fresh ways in which your divine power may surge through our commonplace routines from morning till night;

***With all our strength...***

That our hands may work the works of God who sent us, that our energy may be poured out for the needs of your family, until all we own or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness; and,

***With all our minds...***

That we may think your thoughts from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing you first, that your Kingdom may come through our sharing, our caring, our daring... for your name's sake.

***Amen.***

## \*MEDITATION "Sing Praise and Bless the Lord"

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord.***

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***Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Following you, Jesus, is a hard thing to do;

So many seek to tell us the "right" way,

***and too many of these paths are filled  
with violence and hatred.***

These roads are easy,

they make us feel strong and vindicated,  
***and they give us the shallow pleasure  
of watching our enemies hurt.***

But, when the dust settles,

we realize that we have lost some of our humanity,  
***and we have lost our connection with you.***

In the end we cannot deny that you are a God of peace,  
a God of the cross, and of forgiveness spoken with your dying  
breath.

***And for this we are grateful,  
for if it were not so we would have no hope  
because we too have offended you.***

We praise you, God, for peace;  
for your compassion and grace  
***that refuse to allow our worst selves  
to define our relationship with you;***  
for the quiet, inexorable silencing of violence  
***that grows among us  
as we seek to follow your peace-making ways. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come O Lord and Set Us Free”

***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

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.***

SOLOIST “Jesus Does”

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, One who strives with God, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

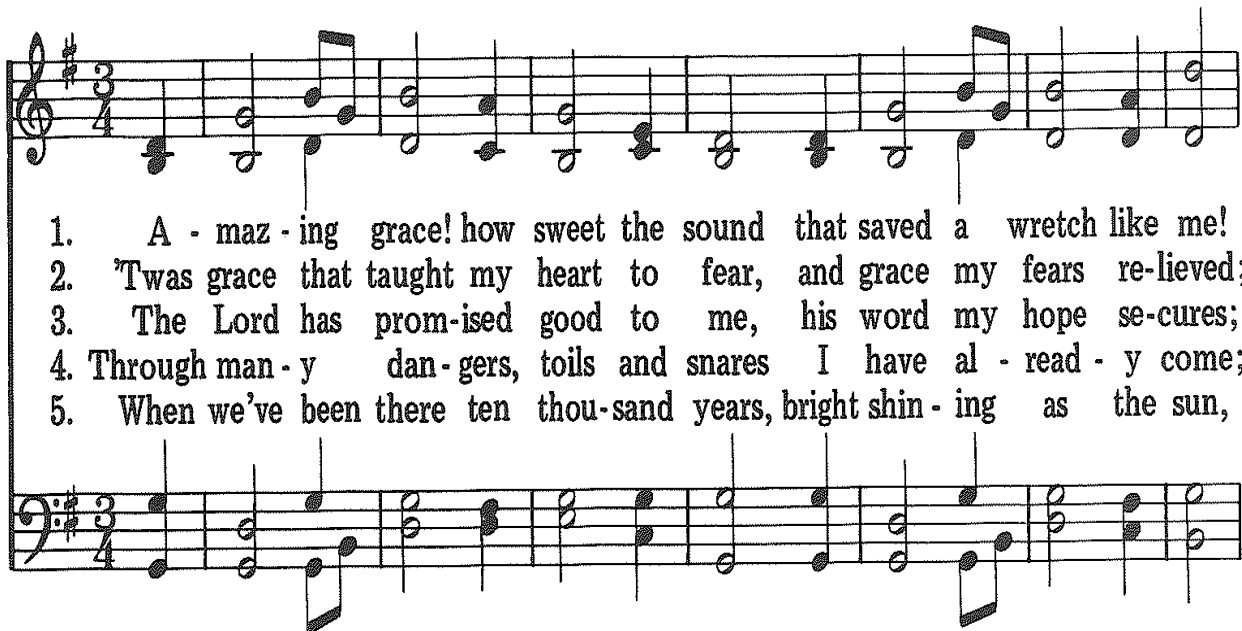
## MORNING MESSAGE "What's in a Name?"



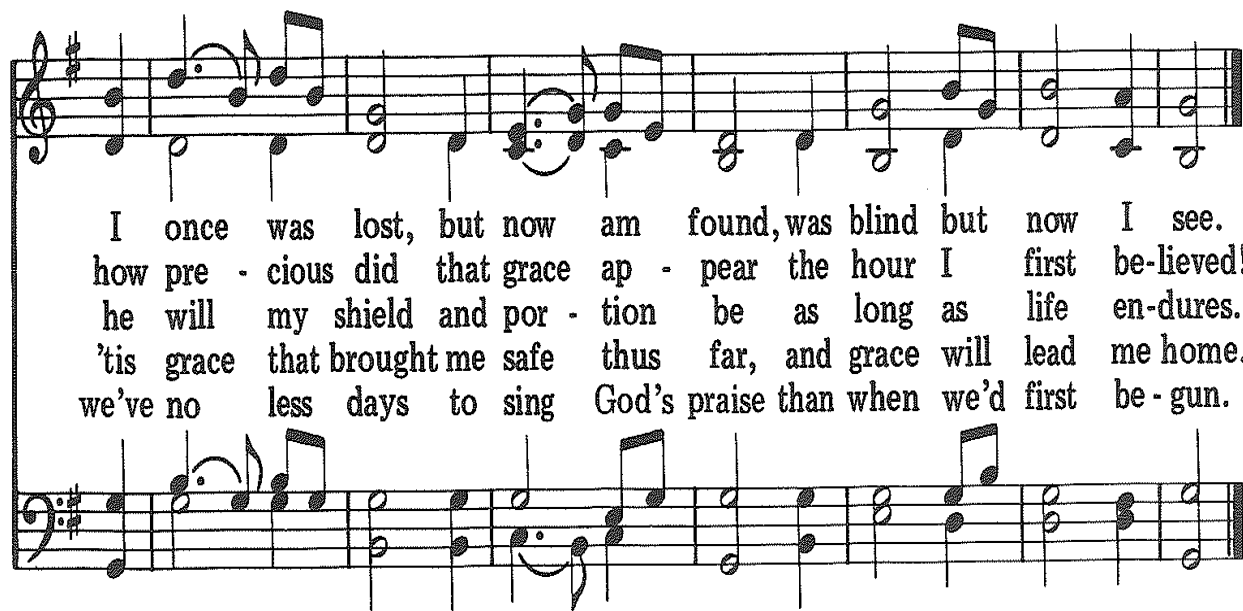
\*HYMN "Amazing Grace"

# Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 502

God is able to make all grace abound to you . . . 2 Cor. 9:8



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;  
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;  
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!  
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous  
MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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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.*

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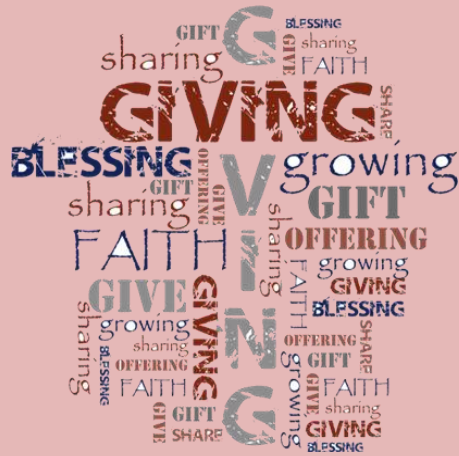
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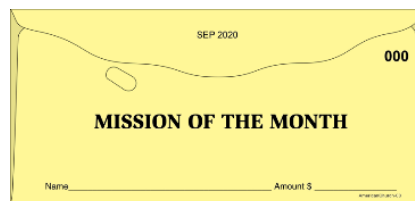
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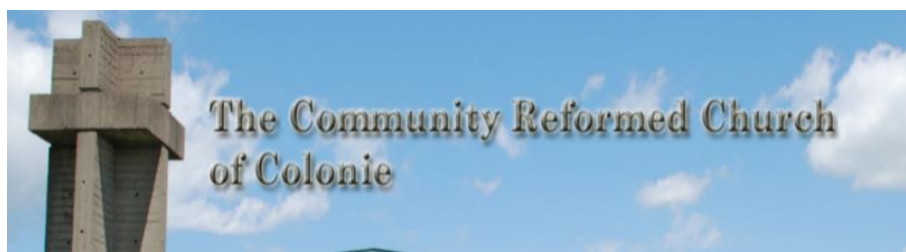
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