



## Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday

Order of Service –

April 13, 2025

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.

## FOR CONTEMPLATION

### If You Really Listen...

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,  
mothers calling to their children,  
saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street."  
You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,  
people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.  
You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,  
the exhaust from the bus,  
that a train is arriving in two minutes.  
You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,  
theater kids selling tickets,  
and religious groups selling ideas.  
But even with all that shouting,  
even with all that noise,  
the birds still sing.  
Against all odds,  
thanks be to God,  
the birds still sing.

PRELUDE "Near the Cross"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Côté

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT "Make Way, Make Way"

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, Jesus marched  
*in between the city walls and the Temple,*  
*in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,*  
*in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,*  
*in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.*

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

*So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.*  
*May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.*

Hosanna in the highest!  
*Hosanna in between!*

# \* HYMN 204 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Descant      *Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Re - deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high,  
 3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es— ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply:  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

*D. C.*

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe that many years ago  
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.  
We believe that on that day  
the people cried out,  
longing and praying for a better world.  
We believe that these longings  
came from a place of deep hope,  
and we believe  
that hope cannot be silenced.  
So we listen for the Spirit.  
We sing Hosanna.  
We pay attention.  
For in between the silence and the song,  
we believe the Spirit is speaking.  
Amen.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Into My Heart” (3 times)

*Into my heart, into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Come in today, come in to stay,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Creator, forgive me  
*when I speak before listening,  
when I speak over my neighbor,  
when I speak with barbed words.*

Creator God, forgive me  
*when I listen to society,  
when I listen to my friends,  
when I listen to the news,  
but I do not listen to you.*

Creator God, forgive me  
*when I shout out, but do not shout your name,  
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.  
Forgive me.*

Create in me a heart like yours.  
*Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Do Not, O Lord, Withhold Your Mercy” (3 times)

*Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy.  
Grant us grace, grant us hope,  
Grant us strength, grant us peace.  
Let your steadfast love keep us safe forever.*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.  
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!  
Amen.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

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 “God is Doing Something New”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 19:29-40

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

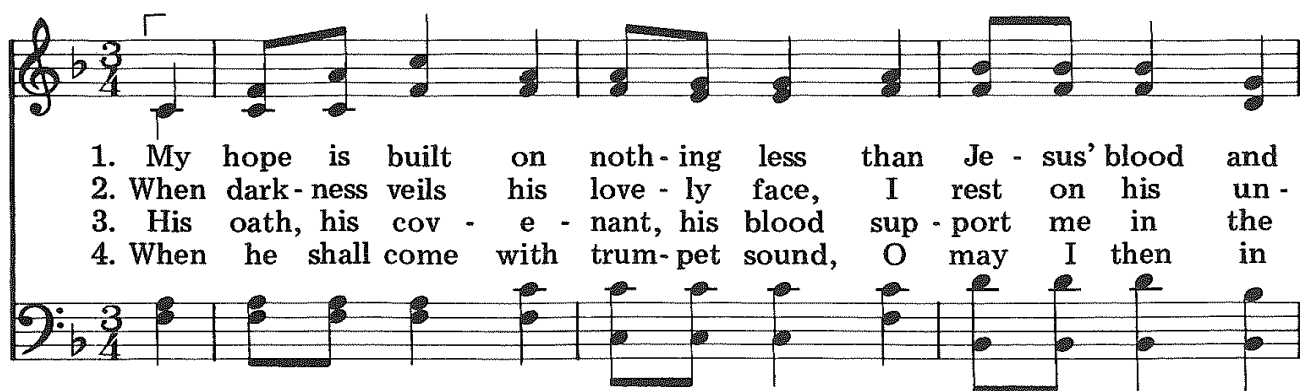
This is the Word of The Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** "Everything (In) Between – Shouting & Silence"

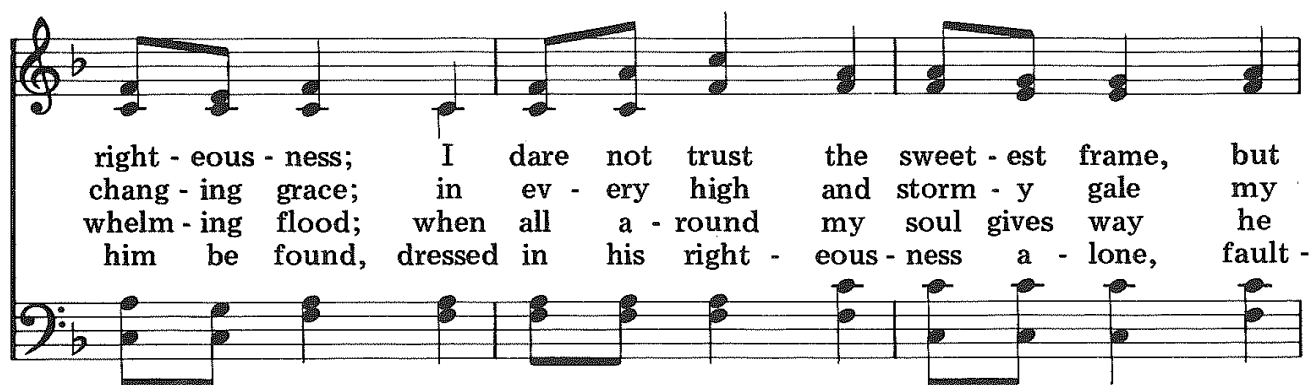
### ROCK

***Feel the weight of this rock. Think about stability, but also remember that stones have been used to wound and kill. God places this rock in our hands – the choice is ours to build on it or throw it.***

# \*HYMN 517 "The Solid Rock"

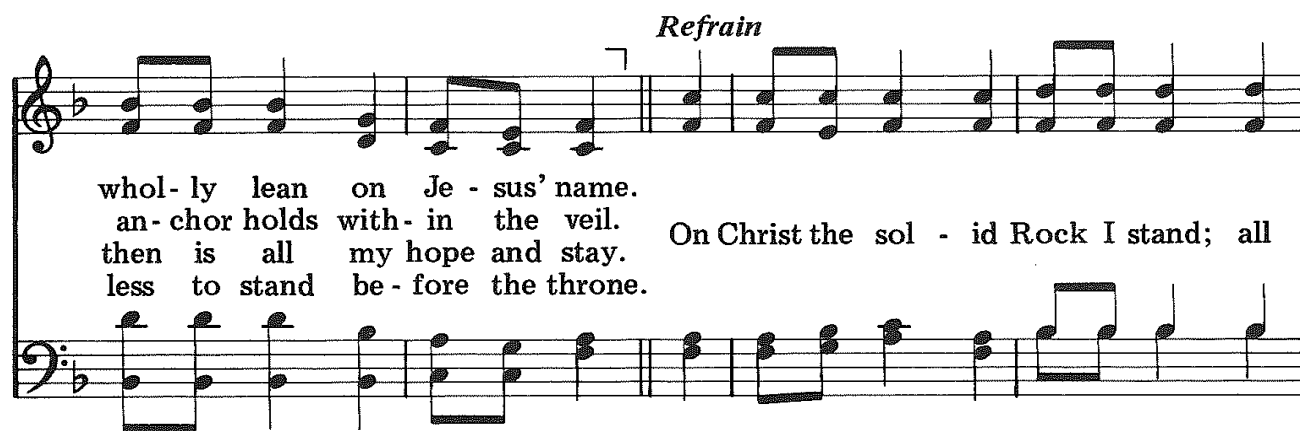


1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

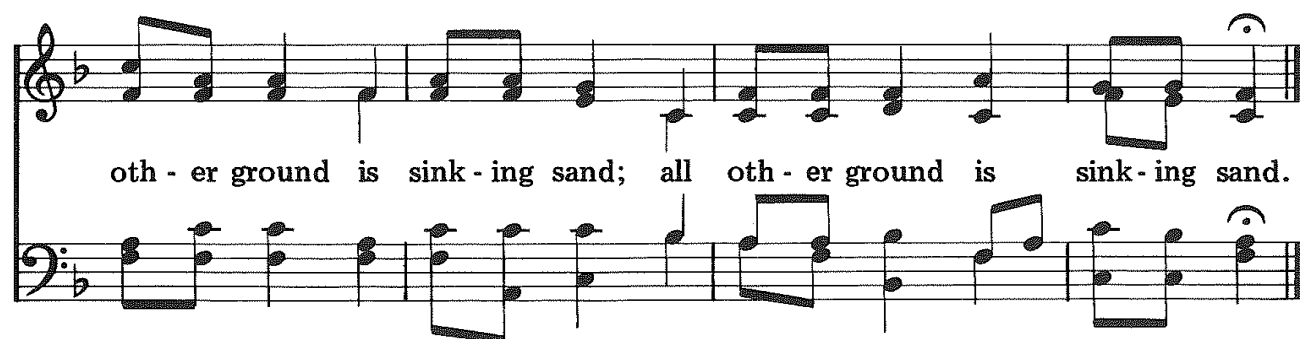


right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ the sol - id Rock I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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.*

### POSTLUDE “Were You There”

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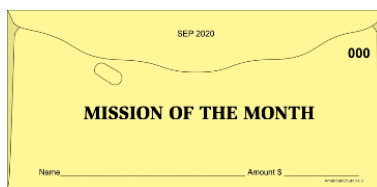
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