

The Third Sunday of Easter



May 1, 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

“You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give.”

~ Winston Churchill

PRELUDE “The Old Rugged Cross”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome
Announcements

WITNESSING STEWARD – Mark Kaercher

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe...

... in God who created us, Jesus Christ who saves us, and the Holy Spirit who fills us.

We believe...

... that God has spoken and speaks, that God acted and acts, that God watches over and is nearby.

We believe...

... that God is in charge and our greatest purpose is to give God glory in how we work and act and give and play and love and worship.

We believe...

... that we are partners with Jesus Christ in doing God’s work in this world.

We believe...

... that by the power of God’s Spirit, God will grant us courage to do God’s work.

Let us worship God.

✱HYMN 562 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

*1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph over shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear!*

*2 Dark and cheerless is the dawn
till your glories shine on me;
joyless is the day's return
till your mercy's beams I see:
as they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief:
more and more yourself display,
shining to the perfect day!*

***THE 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.

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord” (3 times)**

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. We saddle relationships with unrealistic and unfair expectations.

Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, sharing from our abundance. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ” (3 times)

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Lisa McGee

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 “Shout to the North”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Recognizing Jesus”

*HYMN 251 “Thine is the Glory”

*1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

Refrain:

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

*2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]*

*3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]*

*BENEDICTION

*THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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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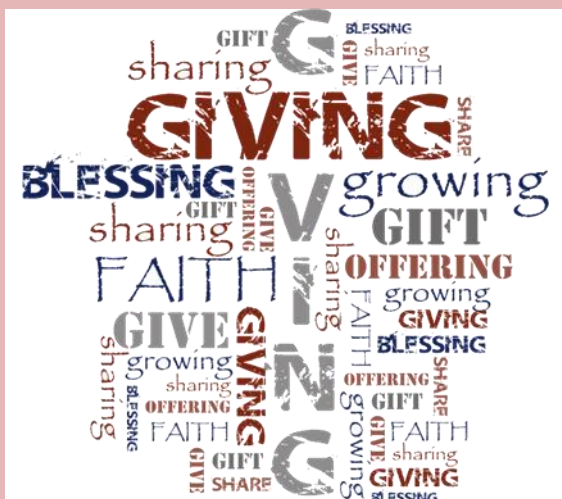
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Monday, May 2

"Shirley's Shawls" - the prayer shawl ministry of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will meet in the gathering room at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 2nd. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to join us. Please contact Linda Murphy with any questions, lindamurph98@aol.com.

Tuesday, May 3

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 5

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7:00 pm

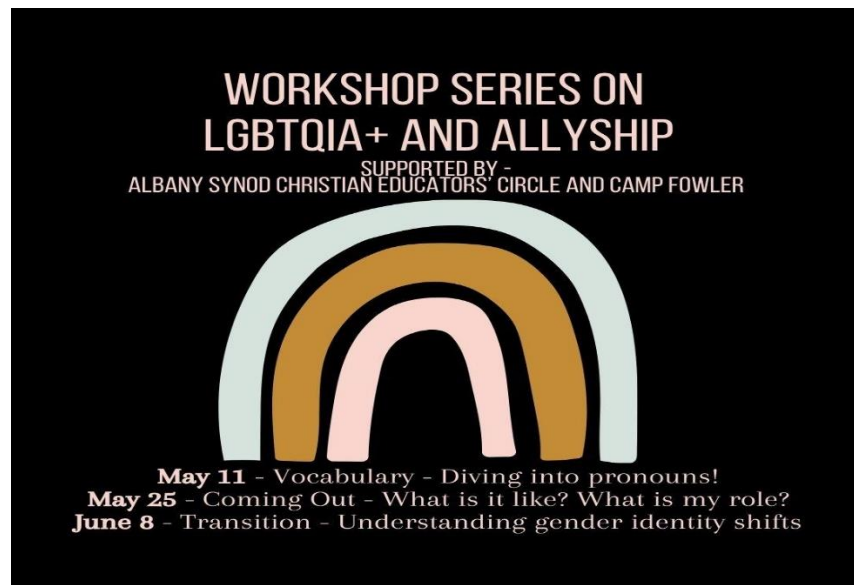
Friday, May 6

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

Saturday, May 7

Women's Bible Study - All are welcome to attend at 9:30 at the church or via Zoom.

Camp Fowler - It's not too early to plan for summer 2022. If any children are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, there are scholarships available. Contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239 for further information.



Throughout these workshops we will exercise Christ's call for hospitality, and welcoming all of God's people to the table. This goal aims to encourage understanding, empathy, and wondering between all our siblings in Christ - truly an embodiment of hospitality.

The workshops will be:

Every other Wednesday Night, at 7 pm over Zoom.
They will span 1.5 hours and will have a presenter from Room for All leading, Mitchel Leet.

If you are interested in joining this workshop series, or simply one or two of the workshops, please contact: Abby Norton-Levering nortonlevering@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 in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Acts 9:36-38

Tuesday - Acts 9:39-43

Wednesday - Psalm 23

Thursday - Revelation - 7:9-12

Friday - Revelation 7:13-17

Saturday - John 10:22-30

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Household Prayer: Morning

Enlivening God,
each morning I am awakened by your goodness
nudging the earth to life.
I am filled with wonder.
Your steadfast love extends to the sky,
your constancy reaches to the clouds.
How precious is your steadfast love!
It shines like the dawn,
and dews the desolation of my soul.
Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit
that I may rejoice in you
as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As evening falls and darkness shutters the day,
do not forsake us, O God.
Crown the sky with jewels of light
that your salvation may burnish the heavens
and illumine the earth,
and all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.



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