



The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 16, 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

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith.

- Watchman Nee

PRELUDE "Near to the Heart of God"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Make Me a Servant”

*CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

~ written by Bruce Prewer
(inspired by Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23,
Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-6)

I believe in God
who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

***I believe in Christ Jesus,
free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptised in the waters of the Jordan.***

I believe in the Spirit
who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.

***I believe that those who are baptized into Christ
shall share his Spirit, his mission
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.***

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged,
and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

***I believe that this believing is a gift from God,
not to be used for self-gratification
but for the building up of the church
and for humble service the world***

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God,
the recipient of a healing grace
which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

*With the help of God,
I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life,
and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen!*

* HYMN 758 "Baptized in Water"

*1 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*2 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*3 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dominic Asher Lombardo

Child of John and Marissa Lombardo

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 28:18-20, John 1:12-13

THE PROMISE

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to this covenant people. In baptism God promises by grace alone:

***To forgive our sins:
To adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;
To send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;
And to resurrect us to eternal life.***

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism. Water cleanses... purifies... refreshes... sustains...

Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

***To love and trust God completely;
To forsake the evil of the world; and
To live a new and holy life.***

Yet, when we fall into sin, we must not despair of God's mercy, nor continue in sin, for baptism is the sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

THE PRESENTATION

THE VOWS

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (universal) Church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for the gift of water...

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

DECLARATION, BLESSING AND WELCOME

Let us welcome our new (brother in Christ.

***Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as
we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all
one in Jesus Christ. Alleluia.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing Praise & Bless the Lord” (3 times)

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Following you is not as easy as it may seem at first, God;

***Getting your ways into our hearts is not a matter of just
reading a few verses of the Bible, or singing a few hymns;***

No, to get your law inscribed on our inmost beings takes some wrestling; It takes standing our ground when you come to us in your fearful glory,

and carrying the mark of the encounter in our bodies and souls;

It takes prayer that is more than superstitious words to try and manipulate circumstances or people,

but is a life-altering opening of ourselves, that confronts and challenges us, and makes us your instruments of justice and grace.

But if we are to live what we believe, to go beyond empty words or simple agreement with ideas or doctrines,

we need this wrestling;

If our lives are to be portals for your reign, channels for your compassion and healing, containers for your joy and abundance,

we need our hearts to be broken open, our souls to be engraved with your words, our bodies to be driven by something more than appetite.

And so, we come, nervously but expectantly,

and offer ourselves to you again in whole-hearted prayer and worship.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Jesus Remember Me" (3 times)

***Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.***

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

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 "Oceans"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "You Count!"

***HYMN 638 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

***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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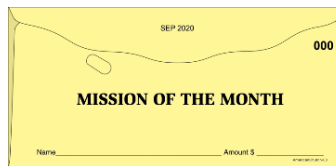
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There are three special offering envelopes for October

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:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Joel 2:23-32
Tuesday - Psalm 65
Wednesday - Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Thursday - Psalm 84:1-7
Friday - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Saturday - Luke 18:9-14
Sunday - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

God of justice, you are at work this very day
on behalf of those who are poor, marginalized, and disregarded.
Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit
so that I can begin this day
praying earnestly for someone who faces injustice.
Help me to see and to act upon an opportunity
to participate in your love and justice.
Give me the eyes and ears of faith
as I go about my daily routines,
walk the paths and hallways of my daily life,
and attend to news local and global.
Then, seeing and hearing through the light of Christ,
encourage me relentlessly to pray and work
without losing heart.
I ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of mercy, I come to you now with my energy running low
as the lights of the evening. Like stars in the darkness,
I send out my prayers for justice to you.
May this small effort of mine send a ray of hope, however faint,
to someone facing the darkness of trial or terror tonight.
I know how strong evil and injustice still are in this world,
yet I know you are stronger than even the worst we can do.
So, I do not lose heart;
rather, my heart rests in gratitude to you: for the gift of life,
for the comforts of faith and those who are family to me,
and for the hope you have given us all
in Christ's rising from the dead.
I pray this night for peace among all people,
in the name of him who came to bring peace
unlike any the world can give, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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