



*Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 29, 2024
Order of Service –
10:00 am*

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.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

CONTEMPLATION

“Children of God, bring it to the altar and come as you are.

Bring your whole selves, your whole week, your sorrows and your joys.
Don’t hide that which preoccupies you. Don’t ignore that which burdens.

Bring your whole self to the altar: your work and your responsibilities,
your victories and your triumphs.

God desires that you enter here with fullness of heart.

Bring your stories of salvation and sadness.

Come and give them to the Lord.”

Katie Roelofs, “Worship for Workers Project”

PRELUDE “We Shall Gather at the River”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

PRAYER QUILT - We have a prayer quilt out this morning. The Prayer Quilt is for Holden Ruth in celebration of his baptism. After worship, please come forward, tie a knot on the quilt and say a prayer for Holden.

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, for six days you labored in the work of creation, bringing order to chaos, speaking light into darkness, creating rhythms and patterns, times and seasons, and on the seventh day you rested.

For six days we have been colaborers, gospel messengers bringing your words of life to our homes, our schools, and our workplaces. And now we come to the seventh day.

We carry into worship our experiences of the week.

We bring with us our joys, our frustrations, our laments, and our praise.

We come to worship just as we are, longing to connect our work and our week to your ongoing work in our world.

We come to reflect and to repent, to be refreshed, and to be reoriented.

Remind us of who we are; remind us of whose we are.

Accept now the humble worship we offer through the perfect work of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



* HYMN 77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him! Let the A-men sound from his

tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, this week we forgot you. We disobeyed. We neglected our responsibilities. Please accept our confessions and forgive us.

Hear us as we bring them to you, O Lord.

Thinking back on our week our work and our activities, we silently repent for when we failed to do the work God called us to do or when we gave less than we should have.

(time of silent prayer)

And sometimes, Lord, we don't understand what happened or how it happened this week that we missed the mark. Please see in us our sadness and shame and hear our laments.

Hear us as we bring them to you, O Lord.

We saw and experienced injustice during the week. We lament that it still continues.

Hear us as we bring them to you, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

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.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, we want to celebrate the gifts of forgiveness and restoration you so generously offer.

As we accept these gifts, help us to fully live into the blessings they bring to others through our fellowship with them.

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “In God Alone” (3 times)

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
In God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
Find its rest and peace.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

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 “My Soul Will Wait”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:24-2:3

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "God's Work Done For Us"

(As you wish, please come forward to place a stone or marble in the bowls that feels relevant to your work and activity of the week)



Holden Ruth

Hear these words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to God's 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;

Water purifies;

Water refreshes;

Water sustains:

Jesus Christ is the 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.

It is in fulfillment of our Lord's institution and command that we now celebrate the sacrament of baptism.

On behalf of the Board of Elders, we are pleased to welcome Holden Ruth to receive the sacrament of baptism. Holden, please come forward that we may honor your request and celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Holden, I ask you before God and Christ's Church to reject evil, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and to confess the faith of the Christian Church.

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and the whole world?
I DO AND I ASK GOD TO CONTINUALLY HELP ME.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

Do you promise to order your life in the truth of God's Word and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; To pray for yourself, the church and the world; and to exhibit the joy of new life in Christ through worship, service, and the offering of your gifts to the glory of God?
I DO AND I ASK GOD TO CONTINUALLY HELP ME.

Would the congregation please rise.
Do you promise to love, encourage, support, and nurture Holden by sharing the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian life and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?
WE DO AND WE ASK GOD TO CONTINUALLY HELP US.


Together let us confess our Christian faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

***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 buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again to judge the living and the dead.***

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


HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"



We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 All___ praise to the Fa - ther, from___ whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's___ on - ly___ Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save___ hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who___ makes us___ one:

Refrain:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love, yes, they'll know___ we are Chris - tians by our love.

*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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This morning's worship theme and service was adapted from an article titled, "Work and Worship" found in the June 2024 issue of *Reformed Worship* magazine. The seven part worship series originated at First Christian Reformed Church of Barrie, Ontario. Liturgy suggestions were prepared by Stephanie VanRooyen and Katie Roelfs.

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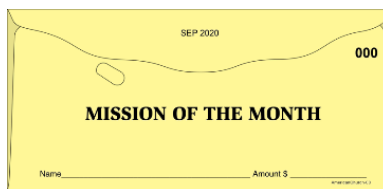
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