



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 26, 2021

Order of Worship
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

“Left to our own devices,
we are left to all our own vices.”

- Lillian Daniel

PRELUDE “The Heart of Worship”

WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The image you have shaped within us,
mysteriously,
incredibly,
a reflection of your own Being,

Is best seen in the multiple refractions,
of our variegated humanity;
in the prismatic kaleidoscopes,
***of our shared life,
our interconnectedness,
our being with each other.***

We seek you, God, we long for you
***and, thankfully, you are not far off
not hidden;***

We need only remember
that you are most easily found
when we find you together,
and when we are humble enough to look
even in the faces we find most strange and unfamiliar.

HYMN “Come Down O Love Divine”

***1 Come down, O love divine! Seek out this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardor glowing:
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.***

***2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and make my pathway clear, by your illuming.***

*3 Let holy charity my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*4 And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long
shall far surpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

PRESENTATION

Kevin Ingalls
Deacon of Property

Linda Murphy
Elder of Hospitality and Congregational Care

Karl Cote
Elder of Advocacy and Global Mission on Wednesday evening

Kevin Bottini
Deacon of Community Outreach

Ellen Buono
Deacon of Creation Care and Stewardship

THE APOSTLES' 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 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.*

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*

ORDINATION

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Melody York

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

SOLO “I Could Sing Your Love Forever”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life

maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “When We Are Against Each Other”

HYMN – “We Are Called”

1. Come! Live in the light!

***Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!***

(Refrain)

***We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.***

2. Come! Open your heart!

***Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!***

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

***Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and
brothers united in love!***

ELDER’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE – Ana Crosbourne

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE FOURFOLD AMEN

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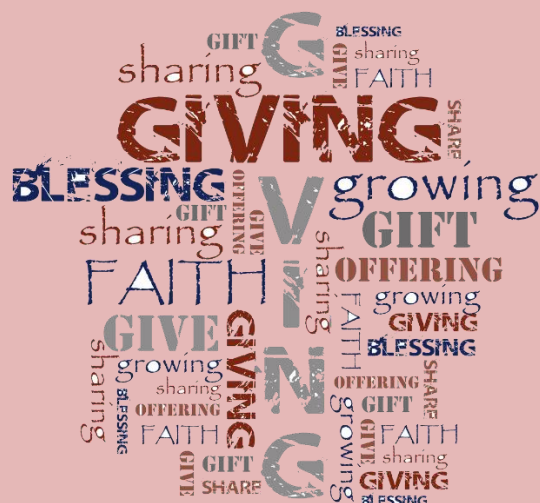
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GENERAL NOTICES

Sundays

Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 in the Gathering Room - 9-9:45am

Monday, September 27

Community Reformed's Quilt Group will meet at 5:30pm in the sanctuary to construct walker bags and lap quilts for the residents of Shaker Place Nursing Home. Our meeting will include time for preparing and sewing the items and will conclude with devotions. If you have them, please bring a sewing machine, thread, and any fabric you have appropriate for the project. Measuring and cutting tools will be provided. Even if you have no sewing experience, or you do not have a sewing machine, please feel welcome to come and help. For more information if you need it, contact Lou Ann Connelly at louannconne@nycap.rr.com

Tuesday, September 28

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4 to 4:30 pm

Book Club - 6-8PM discussing *The Good Sister*. For further information contact, Karen Reynolds at kreynolds150@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 30

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study - 7:00-8:00 pm -

Saturday, October 2

Women's Bible Study - 9:30am

Will be at the church and also via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. The study on Esther will resume.

Community Reformed's Youth Group

The church's youth group is collecting great to new quality children's books for Grassroot Givers now through the end of October. Book donations can be given to Sarah Huiest or placed in the collection bin at the back of the church.

Nursery Worker Position Available

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie is looking for a positive, friendly, caring, and responsible individual to care for children (newborn to age 4) during programs and worship on Sunday mornings.

Responsibilities:

Providing a safe environment for the children.
Changing diapers and feeding children as agreed upon with parents.
Keeping the nursery clean and organized.
Maintaining a visitor log.

Hours:

8:30-12:15, but may be reduced due to Covid-related program restrictions to 9:30-12:15.

Interested applicants can contact Sarah Huiest at crccsarah@gmail.com

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

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Prayer E-Chain

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Tuesday - Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Wednesday - Psalm 124
Thursday - Psalm 19:7-14
Friday - James 5:13-20
Saturday - Mark 9:38-50
Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

As we rise,
we have so much to do!
We work without realizing
that all do can be a song of love to you
and to the we ones with whom you have surrounded us.
Lead me, O God,
so that everything that I do in my life
can be done in praise to you. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

As this day ends,
I hope I have done my work
with a gentleness born out of your wisdom.
Thank you, triune God,
for the rest that you will provide
and for the strength for a new morning. Amen.



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