



*Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 8, 2024*

Order of Service – 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.

CONTEMPLATION

***“Teach me to feel another's woe, to hide the fault I see,
that mercy I to others show, that mercy show to me”***

Alexander Pope

PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Breath of God, Breath of Peace”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Because of your grace and beauty, your compassion and truth,
we offer you our tongues, O God, as instruments of praise.

In joy and celebration, in grief and despair,
may we praise you for your constant presence.
With those we love, and with those whom we find it difficult to love,
may we praise you through words of grace and respect.

When the world feels safe and right, and when the world is made
threatening through propaganda, hate-speech and the rhetoric of
violence,
*may we praise you through words of truth, of peace and
of justice.*

And so in all things, with all people, at all times,
*may our tongues speak only praise, for the sake of your reign
and your glory. Amen.*



* HYMN "Open Our Eyes"



O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, to reach out and



touch him, and say that we love him. O-pen our ears, Lord,



and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our



eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

*CONFESSON OF FAITH The Belgic Confession parts of Article 8

In keeping with this truth and word of God we believe in one God, who is one single essence, in whom there are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Father is the cause, origin, and source of all things, visible and invisible.

The Son is the word, the wisdom, and the image of the Father.

The Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son.

There is neither first nor last, for all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy.

***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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty and compassionate God,
every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort,
and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be
unworthy of your gifts of life.
Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in
body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in
the way you intend for us.
Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill our Hearts” (3 times)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – The Blessing of the Backpacks

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 “It is Well”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that has been promised to those who love God? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment”

HYMN "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"



We can - not meas - ure how_ you heal_ or an - swer ev - ery
The pain that will_ not go_ a - way,_ the guilt_ that clings from
So some have come who need_ your help_ and some have come to



suf - ferer's prayer, yet_ we be - lieve_ your grace_ re -
things_ long past, the_ fear of what_ the fu - ture
make_ a - mends, as_ hands which shaped and saved_ the



sponds where faith_ and doubt_ u - nite_ to care.
holds_ are pres - ent as_ if meant_ to last.
world_ are pres - ent in_ the touch_ of friends.



Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive_ to hold_ and
But_ pres - ent, too,_ is love which tends the hurt_ we nev - er
Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here_ to mend the bod - y,



heal_ and warn, to_ car - ry all_ through death_ to
hope_ to find, the_ pri - vate ag - o - nies_ in -
mind_ and soul, to_ dis - en - tan - gle peace_ from



life_ and cra - dle chil - dren yet_ un - born.
side,_ the mem - o - ries_ that haunt_ the mind.
pain_ and make_ your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

***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 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Worship Team

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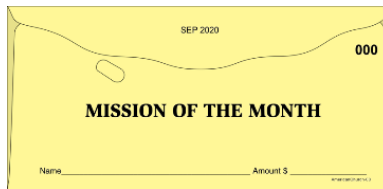
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