

The First Sunday after Pentecost

June 12, 2022



Order of Service - 9:00 am

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* - 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

"Our stresses, anxieties, pains, and problems arise because we do not see the world, others, or even ourselves as worthy of love."

~ Prem Prakash

PRELUDE "In Christ Alone"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Karl Coté

INTROIT "How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Love has called us here;

Love waits in this space and time to awaken our hearts again and to lead us into an ever-deepening experience of the Wonderland that is God's reign of Love;

We have come in response to Love's call

with open hearts and lives,

and with a deep longing to live in love,

to share love,

and to be transformed by love

into true Lovers of God, others, ourselves, and the world.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Awaken us to the Divine Love within us,

around us, and among us;

teach us to love

as Christ loved,

and may your love lead us into

God's wonderful, abundant life.

Amen.

***HYMN** "The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Thank you, God, for showing us again that you are, always have been, and always will be, love.

Help us to remember this simple truth when we get caught up in trying to figure out the mystery that is you.

Thank you, Jesus, for showing us that it is possible to love those who do not look like us; think like us; love like us.

Help us to resist judging as our first response, but rather to find similarities and connections and extend love instead.

Thank you, Spirit, for showing us that love is never finite; the more we share it, the more we have.

Help us to become expressions of your love to everyone we meet.

Jesus, your dream is the Wonderland of God's Love, and you have given us the ability to make that dream a reality here and now.

May we never limit your love, but instead give it away abundantly.

May we welcome every person into your community.

May this take us one step closer to the Wonderland of God's love. Amen..

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Sing Praises" (3 times)

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God, we thank you for welcoming us into your community of love.

We know that there is nothing we can do to make you love us less; and there's nothing we can do to make you love us more.

We come together today as a community of love, and we find our place in your love.

But sometimes we feel we have the right to decide who is in and who should be left out.

We are sorry for limiting our love to those who fit into our standards.

We are quick to accept your grace and forgiveness for our wrong-doings, but when it is our turn to offer grace and forgiveness it seems much harder to do.

We are sorry for putting conditions on our grace and charging an 'entrance fee' to your love.

Thank you for being so forgiving of our selfish moments.
Thank you for your love that is unconditional, ever-growing, eternal, and overwhelming.

We embrace this love again,
and we ask that it may overflow
to those who need to feel loved this week.

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Come, O Lord & Set Us Free" (3 times)

Come, O Lord, and set us free; Give your people peace. Come, O Lord, and set us free; Come, Lord Jesus, come.

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Ellen Buono

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.

SOLO "Across the Lands

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Lose Yourself"

***HYMN 517** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness: I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

***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.

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GENERAL NOTICES

Friday, June 3

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

Gathering Zoom

The Gathering Zoom devotions will be on hiatus for the summer. They will resume in October.



The June Mission of the Month is Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, "a nonprofit organization that strives to improve lives by giving young people access to education, support and resources that may be otherwise unavailable." Their mission is, "to provide specialized programs, mentoring, professional guidance, and academic and financial support for qualifying high school students in the Capital Region. By assembling a network of business leaders, educational advocates, and dedicated volunteers, promising youth are provided opportunity and access to higher education that may be otherwise unavailable."

To support Sponsor-A-Scholar, you may make a donation through your yellow **June "Mission of the Month"** offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with "Sponsor-A-Scholar" on the memo line, or directly through their website: https://crsas.org/donate/



May 22 thru September 4, 2022 9 AM

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

Nursery Provider Needed! We have been blessed to have Emma York take care of our youngest parishioners this year. She has been a ray of sunshine during a challenging year. Next year will see exciting changes for Emma, as she heads off to college. We are, therefore, seeking a new individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

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:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155 Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - 1 Kings 19:1-15
Tuesday - Psalms 42-43
Wednesday - Isaiah 65:1-9
Thursday - Psalm 22:19-28
Friday - Galatians 3:23-29
Saturday - Luke 8:26-39
Sunday - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, Holy Three,
be my guide, my guardian, and my strength today.
Let me be treated fairly by all whom I meet,
and remind me to treat fairly all whom I meet.
Grant me Christ's forgiveness from anyone I harm,
and charge me in Christ's name to forgive anyone who does me harm.
So, guide my ways, guard my life,
and grant me strength to honor the crucified Son,
Holy Three, Holy One. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Eternal God, as this day comes to a close,
I thank you for every blessing I have received.
Forgive me for the wrongs I have done
and the good I have neglected.
Grant me rest in your arms, free of regret and worry.
Let sleep restore and refresh me, so that I may rise to a new day, giving you thanks and praise by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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