



The First Sunday After Easter



April 24, 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

“We are like islands in the sea, separate on the surface
but connected in the deep.”

~ William James

PRELUDE “Day of Arising”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are tempted to lose ourselves in conformity
to the expectations of others,
and to accept a second-hand faith,
where we are told what to think, and believe, and be,
You remind us that you take our questions seriously,
and you invite us into an authentic relationship with you.

***And so we celebrate that you are the Risen One,
And we ask that, as we worship, you would help us
to release anything that is not true
to who you have made us to be
and to embrace the authentic faith and life
to which you call us.***

Amen.

*HYMN 95 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

***All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!***

***Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!***

*Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING**

Now that we have heard you calling our names, God,
we want to live more fully into those identities, and into
our God-given uniqueness.

*Thank you for the gifts we have to offer,
and the diversity we bring into the world.*

You have created us all differently
and you long for a real relationship with each of us.

*Thank you for the intimacy we share with you,
where we can ask questions
and meet you face to face.*

When we look around us we see a beautifully diverse world,
and we see your image in each piece of it.

*Help us to accept, love and celebrate each person
who doesn't look like us,
believe like us, love like us, or live like us.*

As we step out into the world, may we take with us

*the courage to stand out,
the boldness to love others unconditionally,
and the curiosity to ask the tough questions. Amen!*

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Lord is My Light” (3 times)**

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

We recognize, Jesus, that you always asked questions,
and did not settle for the status quo.

***But we have forgotten that we have that same ability,
that questions shouldn't be frowned upon,
but rather welcomed.***

Somehow it's easier to conform to dominant voices;
to go with the flow and not create waves.

***But this doesn't offer us an empowered life,
or a genuine faith.***

Sometimes we may think we have all the answers,
and we may want to force everyone
into our well-worked out faith and way of life.

***We are sorry for not accepting other people's differences,
as easily as we accept our own.***

Jesus, you welcome us into a genuine relationship with you,
and you accept that we have questions and doubts.

***Thank you for giving us the freedom
to experience you first-hand.***

***May we offer that same freedom to others
who seek to know you.***

Amen.

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 – Jerry Kallner

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 “Jesus is My Lord”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come

to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "From Doubt to Grace"

***HYMN 255 "Good Christens All, Rejoice"**

*1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

*2 The Lord of life is risen today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away:
let every tongue rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

*3 We praise in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

*4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

***BENEDICTION**

***THE IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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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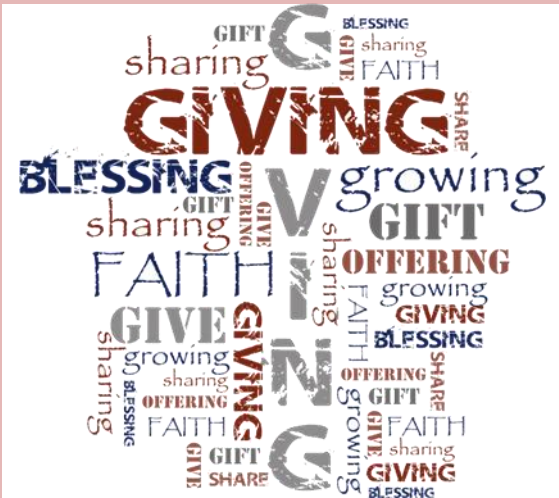
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Monday, April 25, 5:30-8:00 PM. The Quilt Group will meet to construct walker bags and lap quilts for the residents of Shaker Place Nursing Home. Our meeting will include time for sewing the items and will conclude with devotions. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one, thread, and any fabric you have appropriate for the project. 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, contact Lou Ann Connelly.

Tuesday, April 26, 6PM The Book Group. The book we will be discussing is *The Four Winds* written by Kristen. Anyone who likes to read and talk to others about what they have read is welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Karen Reynolds, kreynolds150@gmail.com

Friday, April 22

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

Camp Fowler – It’s not too early to plan for summer 2022. If any children are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, there are scholarships available. Contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239 for further information.

The April Mission of the Month for the Community Outreach Team is YWCA of the Greater Capital Region in Troy. “Women come to YWCA-GCR in times of crisis, for safe and affordable housing, help with basic needs, such as food and clothing, victim advocacy, help with addiction, job training and career counseling, and case management. Some stay for just a few weeks, some for many years. We give women and women with children a second chance and a fresh start, by providing transitional and permanent housing combined with 360° of support in order to empower them to be able to achieve their goals and to become self-sufficient. YWCA-GCR staff can coordinate a variety of supportive services, such as financial literacy, job readiness training, education development and TASC preparation, clothing, food and make referrals for mental health, chemical addiction treatment, and advocacy.”

Monetary donations can be given utilizing your yellow “Mission of the Month” offering envelopes or by check made payable to **CRCC** with **“YWCA” in the memo.**

We will also be collecting the following NEW items. They may be dropped off at the church or shipped directly to Sarah Huiest's home. Questions? Email Sarah crccsarah@gmail.com.

- Twin size blankets
- Twin size sheet sets
- Twin size waterproof zip-style mattress covers
- Towel and washcloth sets
- Toiletries: Deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.
- Diapers (Size 2,3,4,5)

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 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

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Acts 4:32-35
Tuesday - Psalm 133
Wednesday - 1 John 1:1-4
Thursday - 1 John 1:5-2:2
Friday - John 20:19-23
Saturday - John 20:24-31
Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter

Household Prayer: Morning

Heavenly God, our Father,
I am full of thanks for a night of rest
and for this new day and all that now awaits me.
I go forward toward encounters
with family and friends,
work and play,
and all that will bring me into contact with strangers,
certain that you are with me.
Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life.
Help me to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, our Mother,
you are my comfort at the end as
at the beginning of each day.
You pull me toward the goodness you desire for me.
I give you thanks for all that has come my way this day,
and I ask your enveloping power
to watch over me this night.
Give rest to all your people.
Wherever there is pain and struggle,
may your holy angels bring peace; in Jesus' name. Amen.



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