



May 14, 2023  
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

“If you want to see somebody,  
who talked to everybody,  
helped everybody,  
believed in everybody,  
but especially the poor and the desperate.  
That would be Jesus.”

~ Tim Stafford

**PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art”**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**WITNESSING STEWARD – Pam Izzo**

**THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of Life, thank you for your gift of resurrection now,  
*and for the depth of love that flows from the life you bring.*

As we worship today, we invite your loving Spirit to heal and  
expand our hearts,  
*so we may become extravagant lovers of God, others,  
ourselves, our world and all its inhabitants. Amen.*



\*HYMN 558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

# 558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

... God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son. 1 Jn. 4:9

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.  
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER  
 8.7.8.7.D.

## ✱RESPONSIVE READING

Jesus, you loved fiercely, without condition, or checks on a list.

***Thank you for your love that has no requirements,  
except to seek to the best for all.***

You knew that life can be abundant and vibrant when lived in a mutually caring community.

***Thank you for your love that crossed all lines,  
including everyone who was excluded.***

You told us to love one another, including our enemies,  
and that is hard to do.

***Give us the courage and wisdom to be forgiving to those  
who need our forgiveness.***

Love is messy and risky, it asks us to give of ourselves more  
than we want to.

***Give us the courage to risk a love that is other-centered,  
self-giving and generous.***

Life is found in love;

***love for ourselves, love for others, love for God,  
and love for the world.***

May we become little resurrections of Christ's love

***as we seek to create a world filled with love. Amen.***

## ✱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.***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, your love is expressed in the new day dawning,  
and birds' morning song.

***We feel the warmth and hear the hope your love offers.***

Your love is expressed in the playful breeze,  
and new flowers blooming.

***We feel the energy and see the beauty your love offers.***

Your love is expressed in the laughter of friends,  
and the care of loved ones.

***We feel the joy and nurture the healing your love offers.***

But sometimes the world doesn't seem so rose tinted. We experience  
pain and grief, deep sorrow and loss;

***forgive us for sometimes feeling like your love is nowhere  
to be found.***

We experience anger and injustice, betrayal and devastation;

***forgive us for sometimes feeling like your love is nowhere  
to be found.***

Your love is indeed abundant, God,

***we open ourselves to experience your love in new ways today.  
Amen.***

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** "Holy Spirit Come to Us" (3 times)

***Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Kindle in us the fire of your love  
Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Holy Spirit, come to us.***

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** – Lisa McGee

**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.***

## CHORAL ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### MORNING MESSAGE "It is Sufficient"



\*HYMN 543 "Christ Beside Me"

# Christ Beside Me 543

*Unison* *Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us . . . ? Lk. 24:32*

1. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be -  
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3. Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me, Christ be on  
 4. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be -

hind me— king of my heart; Christ with - in me,  
 round me— shield in the strife; Christ in my sleep - ing,  
 all tongues tell-ing of me; Christ be the vi - sion  
 hind me— king of my heart; Christ with - in me,

Christ be - low me, Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.  
 Christ in my sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing— light of my life.  
 in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.  
 Christ be - low me, Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.

WORDS: Adapt. James Quinn, 1969, alt.; from *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

BUNESSAN

5.5.5.4.D.

Music used by permission of Oxford University Press

## **\*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.*

Minister of Word and Sacrament  
**Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell**

Elder  
**Marissa Lombardo**

Deacon  
**Kevin Bottini**

Liturgist  
**Karl Côté**

Children's Message  
**Lisa McGee**

Sound Technican  
**John Lombardo**

Video Technician  
**Cameron Kaercher**

Director of Music Ministries  
**Benjamin April**

Soloist  
**Marv Helf**

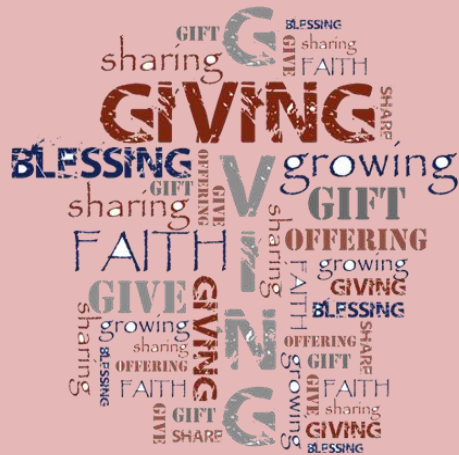
Choir  
**Tina-Marie Bottini**  
**Michelle Braungard**  
**Maggie George**  
**Kaaren Haushalter**  
**Marvin Helf**  
**Kevin Ingalls**  
**Pam Izzo**  
**Marissa Lombardo**

Welcome Host  
**Pam Fitzpatrick**

Coffee Hour Host  
**Lori Côté**



Offerings and gifts to the church may be submitted online via PayPal (link found below or on our website), by mailed check, by direct bank payment or by placing them in the offering box located near the exit.



**PayPal:**

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=N67JS9D5MLMGS](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=N67JS9D5MLMGS)

**Website:**

[www.communityreformedchurch.com](http://www.communityreformedchurch.com)

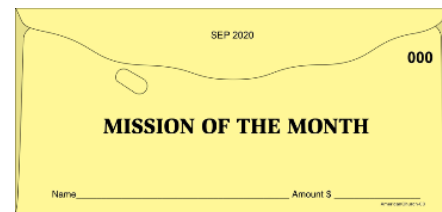
**Mailing Address:**

Community Reformed Church of Colonie  
701 Sand Creek Road  
Colonie, NY 12205

**Special Offering Envelopes –**

**The special offering envelopes for May.**

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at [crcclori@gmail.com](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com).



**Copyright Licenses**

**How Great Thou Art**

Words: Stuart K. Hine

Music: arranged by Stuart K. Hine,

© 1953, renewed 1981 Manna Music

Used by Permission. One License A 719501

**Bless the Lord**

Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé

© 1991, Les Presses de Taizé,

GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Used by Permission: One License A 719501

**Holy Spirit, Come to Us**

Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé

© 2014 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé,

GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

Used by Permission: One License A 719501

**Christ Beside Me**

Text: adapt. by James Quinn, 1969,  
alt.; St. Patrick's Breastplate

Music: Trad. Gaelic melody, arr. David Evans, 1927

Music used by permission of Oxford University  
Press

Used by Permission: One License A 719501

## Online Church Bulletin Board

[padlet.com/crccsarah.ChurchBulletinBoard](https://padlet.com/crccsarah.ChurchBulletinBoard)

### 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  
By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

## COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH OF COLONIE STAFF AND CONSISTORY

### STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

**Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell, Pastor**  
[BruceKCornwell@gmail.com](mailto:BruceKCornwell@gmail.com)

**Ben April,**  
Director of Music Ministries  
[benapril27@gmail.com](mailto:benapril27@gmail.com)

**Sarah Huiest,**  
Youth  
Coordinator &  
Communication/Media Coordinator  
[crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com)

**Lori Côté**  
Church Administrator  
[crccclori@gmail.com](mailto:crccclori@gmail.com)

**Cameron Kaercher**  
Technical Director  
[camkaercher@gmail.com](mailto:camkaercher@gmail.com)

### CONSISTORY

#### Elders

Karl Côté  
Ana Crosbourne  
Marissa Lombardo  
Linda Murphy

#### Deacons

Kevin Bottini  
Marvin Helf  
Kevin Ingalls  
Jessica Kaercher



## Prayer E-Chain

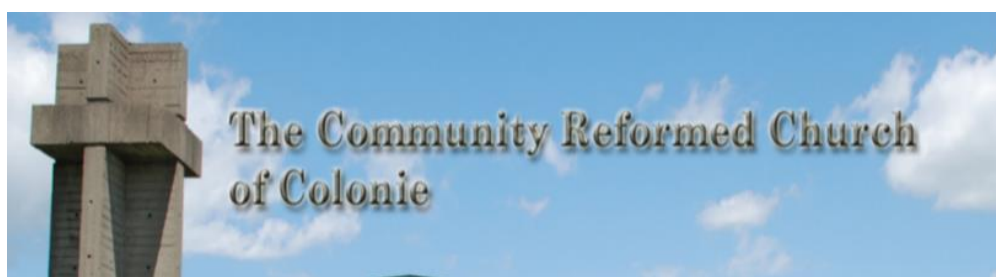
**Please email prayer requests to:**

Sandy Cornwell

[crccsandy@gmail.com](mailto:crccsandy@gmail.com)

Karen Latta

[kmlatta@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kmlatta@nycap.rr.com)



**701 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, NY 12205**  
**Telephone: 518-869-5589**

**Website - [www.communityreformedchurch](http://www.communityreformedchurch)**  
**Facebook - [facebook.com/coloniereformed](https://facebook.com/coloniereformed)**  
**Twitter - [@ColonieReformed](https://twitter.com/ColonieReformed)**

