



# *The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



September 4, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am

**Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM**

\* - 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**

“The kind of work that God usually calls us to is the kind of work that we need most to do, and the work that the world most needs to have done.”

~ Frederick Buechner

**PRELUDE** “Lead Me to the Cross”

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

### INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

To follow Jesus implies certain things.

***It may mean forsaking security in order to go where Jesus calls;***

Decisions may need to be made now rather than after personal affairs are transacted.

***Once we make the choice, there is no looking back.***

Discipleship means today what it meant when Jesus walked:

***Choose this day whom you will serve.***

Let us choose Christ.

### HYMN 655 “Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

***1 “Take up your cross,” the Savior said,  
“If you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.”***

***2 Take up your cross--let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.***

***3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.***

***4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
he guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.***

***5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only they who bear the cross  
may hope to win the glorious crown.***

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

How do we do what's right, Jesus,  
when it costs us so much to follow you?  
***when the good and the true and the beautiful  
cannot be purchased  
in a 'buy-now-pay-later' scheme  
as a quick-fix solution to our longing for life?***

How do we do what's right  
when it takes so much time, and when the life it brings comes  
according to the timetable of eternity,  
***not the stopwatch of our up-to-the-minute world?***

How do our leaders do what's right, Jesus,  
for the weak and marginalized,  
for people beyond our borders,  
***when the cost could be to forfeit their opportunity to lead?***

How do our corporations do what's right, Jesus,  
for our suffering planet,  
for the rights and needs of the poor,  
***when the cost could be to lose investors,  
and sacrifice the lives of their own workers?***

How do our protectors do what's right, Jesus,  
for the broken and desperate,  
for our allies and enemies,  
***when the cost could be to face the attacks  
of those they seek to defend?***

We need to learn how to do what's right, Jesus,  
our world needs us to learn it;  
we need to count the cost of your call,  
and measure it against the abundant life you promise.  
***Help us, in our own small way,  
to be those who do the right thing,  
and in so doing, demonstrate the goodness***

*that following you brings to all.*

*Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Blessing and Praise” (3 times)

*Blessing and praise be given,  
Blessing and praise be given  
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,  
Comes in the name of the Lord.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

It would be much easier, Jesus, to ignore the hard truths around us:  
*the widening gap between rich and poor, the consistency with  
which the powerful get their way, the bending of rules and  
the self-enrichment of the connected and influential, the lack  
of adequate care, protection and resources for the most  
vulnerable among us;*  
we would rather not see these signs.

It would be much easier if we could just pretend everything was  
alright,  
*if we could prophesy goodness and light, and ignore the  
darkness and evil; if we didn't have to offend the status quo,  
or challenge the comfortable; if we could convince ourselves  
that the cross, was just a one time thing –*  
your calling, not ours.

But, we can't do this, Jesus, because we know too much; your Gospel  
has captured us and opened our eyes, and we have become slaves to  
love,  
*the love that must speak for the voiceless, the love that must  
challenge injustice, the love that draws lines of division  
between truth and denial, between compassion and  
expediency.*

Give us the courage to acknowledge what we see,  
*to name the signs of the times,*  
to disrupt the ‘way things are’  
*in the name of what should be,*

to divide in order to heal and restore,  
***and to be crucified for the sake of love. Amen.***

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Shepard Me, O God” (3 times)

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

**THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE** - Isaiah 54:8, 43-45; 44:22

**DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD** – Marv Helf

**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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 14:25-33

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other

is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

## **THE MORNING MESSAGE “Are You Available?”**

### **HYMN “We Are Called”**

*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  
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*

*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  
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*

*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 (united in love)  
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*

### **\*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.*

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## GENERAL NOTICES

**Friday, September 9**

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

**Sunday, September 11**

**Sanctuary worship at 10 am.** The Blessing of the Backpacks, The Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders will take place and The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

**The Prayer Shawl** this morning is for Kim, a friend of Pam Fitzpatrick, who has serious health challenges.

## **Newcomer Orientation**

Individuals interested in affiliating with the Community Reformed Church of Colonie are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation Sessions offered by Rev. Cornwell either on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour (8:50 – 9:40 am) or at a mutually agreed upon time during the week. There will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will include discussions about Reformed Christianity, The Reformed Church in America, The Worshipping Community, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. These classes are also available to individuals who do not wish to affiliate with the church but who would simply like to know more about our denomination and church. For additional information, please speak to Rev. Cornwell.

**Offering Envelopes** – The offering envelopes will be on the table in front of the church this Sunday. Please pick up your set of envelopes after service. We have changed the envelope number for a few members of the congregation. If you have any questions please contact, Lori Cote at [crcclori@gmail.com](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com).

## **Sunday School Teacher Needed!!**

We are looking for an individual to teach our 3rd-6th graders this fall. A curriculum is provided. Class meets from 9-9:45am on Sunday mornings beginning in September. See Sarah Huiest ([crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **Volunteers Are Needed to Help with Outdoor Maintenance of the Church**

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church? Below is a list of areas that need attention. For a more detailed description visit the Church website. You may also contact Kevin or Lori. Contact Lori Cote ([crcclori@gmail.com](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com)), or Kevin Ingalls ([kki243@verizon.net](mailto:kki243@verizon.net)) Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

### **Fencing around HVAC units**

### **Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road**

### **Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary**

## **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>

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Tuesday - Exodus 32:7-14  
Wednesday - Psalm 51:1-10  
Thursday - 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Friday - Luke 15:1-10  
Saturday - 1 Corinthians 1:18-24  
Sunday - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

Abiding God,  
awaken my heart to greet you  
and open my lips to sing your praise.  
May I follow the way of Christ  
ever more fully this day. Amen.

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

Lord, you know my strengths and weaknesses  
and how I long to serve you.  
Thank you for the love and guidance  
you have shown for me this day.  
In your book of life are written all my days;  
in you I fully trust.  
Bless me as I sleep this night and bring me to tomorrow,  
rejoicing in the gift of living ever close to you. Amen.

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