



Thanksgiving Worship

November 21, 2021

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*



PRELUDE 376 "We Gather Together"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER ~ Ana Crosbourn

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "Change My Heart, O God"

CALL TO WORSHIP

God stretches out the heavens
and shapes the earth.

Come and give thanks!

God raises up the mountains
and pours water into the seas.

Come and give thanks!

God calls forth plants from the soil
and forms animals in infinite variety.

Come and give thanks!

God breathes upon us
and fills us with life.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God gives our lives meaning
through laughter and tears.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God touches our hearts
through family and friends.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God loves us and blesses us
with everything good.

Come and worship!

God loves us and overwhelms us
with never-ending generosity.

Come and worship!

God loves us and surrounds us
with love in abundance!

Come and worship!

~ from the Mennonite Church Canada website.

HYMN 502 “Amazing Grace”

***1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.***

***2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!***

***3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.***

***4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.***

***5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.***

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father
for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation,
in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink,
our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love,
and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work,
and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous,
who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints,
in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks
for the great mercies and promises
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

~ written by Greg Goebel

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Blessing and Praise”

*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 CONFESSION

Forgive us, God,
that we have taken your creation for granted.
You have given us
the run of the land,
the pick of the crop
*and we have squandered these resources,
distributed these unfairly,
vandalized their beauty,
violated their purity.*

Forgive us, God,
that we have taken your kingdom for granted.
You have given us
the seeds of faith,
the fruits of the spirit,
*and we have misused these resources;
displayed them rarely,
bestowed them grudgingly,
ignored them blithely.*

Thank you, God,
that you are stronger than our destructiveness
and greater than our meanness,
that you give us a fresh start, a second chance.
*Overwhelm us with the power of your resurrected love.
Compel us with the challenge you issue for change.
Lead us in the conquest of our own limits and restrictions.
Drive us towards a new life of peace, justice and integrity.
Amen.*

—written by Janet Orchard

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God”

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS ~ Psalm 145: 18-19

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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 “I Will Give Jubilant Thanks”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-20

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground

waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The White Space"

HYMN 496 "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks*

*We give thanks to You oh Lord
We give thanks*

BENEDICTION

“The Irish Blessing”

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Benjamin April

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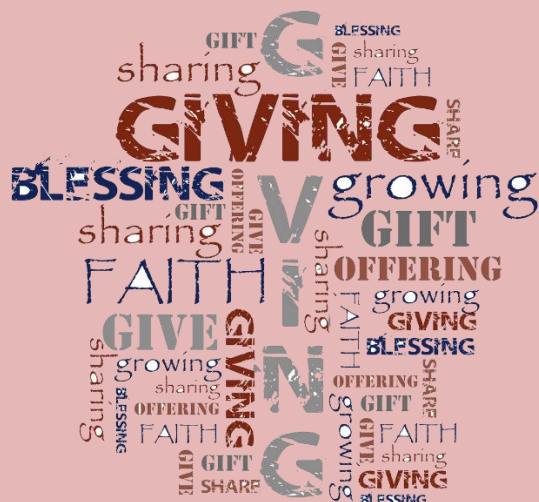
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Monday, November 22

5:30-8:00 PM. Community Reformed's 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. Walker Bag kits will be provided. 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.

Tuesday, November 23

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

Colonie Community Day Care Center's Christmas Wreath Sale -

This year the Day Care is offering two sizes of wreaths. 12" wreath for \$30. and a 16" wreath for \$35. You may choose red, plaid, or

burgundy ribbon or choose a whimsical ribbon (ex. snowman, dogs, cats, gnomes or others). Order forms will be on the table at the back of the Sanctuary, or you can email Carol at cgrasso9@yahoo.com . You may also order by phoning Carol at 518-869-0131. The orders are due by November 24th. The wreaths will be in during the first week in December. Thank you for your support!



Our annual Angel Tree collection has begun!
This year we will be collecting gifts for **Things of My Very Own** in two ways
– even our Angel Tree is now hybrid!!

There are angel tags on the tree in the back of the sanctuary for your choosing or you can go to: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/crcc-angel-tree>

When a child is removed from an abusive or dangerous situation, they may only possess the clothing they are wearing at that moment. This agency, which serves the Capital District, provides them with clothes, bedding, supplies – and even toys. This caring agency gives them “things of my very own” and helps them transition through those initial difficult days.

Please return **unwrapped** gifts and items by **December 12**.
Questions? Contact Sandy Cornwell, Sarah Huiest, or Tina Bottini

Thank you for your support.

Sunday School Teacher - We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).



Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order your poinsettias!

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Total Plants ordered: _____

Cost: \$10 per plant

- Cash**
- Check** (Made payable to Community Reformed Church)
- PayPal** https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=2EA93DM627X2A

**Please return this order including payment
to the church office
by December 12**

Plants will be supplied by Valoze's Nursery

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ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom,
use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Jeremiah 33:14-16
Tuesday - Psalm 25:1-5
Wednesday - Psalm 25:6-10
Thursday - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Friday - Luke 21:25-28
Saturday - Luke 21:29-36
Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you for this new day to sing your praise
and watch for signs of your kingdom.
By your Spirit, let me abound in love
for you and your children,
that in living and loving I may point to your coming reign.
In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you for the signs of your coming reign,
and for the power of your saving love.
Bless all those whom I met today,
and strengthen their hope in your power and grace.
Now as I close my eyes,
I relinquish all anxieties and fears,
trusting in your providence and mercy. Amen.



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