



**“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” Psalm 24:1**

While we were gone on our winter stay in Florida, we asked our friend, Bill, to watch our house. He came over every few days to check on the heat, water the plants, scan over the property, and report back to us.

Have you ever taken care of someone else’s property? Or have you taken care of a friend’s pets in their absence? If so, then you know the feeling of responsibility that comes with being a caretaker of another’s belongings.

The opening verse of Psalm 24 declares that what we have is not ours; everything is God’s and belongs solely to God. Yet God entrusts all of this into our care and use. As Christians we know this: that we are not the owner; we are just the stewards.

As stewards, it is our role to treat God’s world and the people in it in a way that pleases God, and for God’s purposes.

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May 29 to September 4  
*(Labor Day to Memorial Day)*

**9 AM** **\*\*Note time change for summer\*\***

Outdoor (weather permitting)  
Or Zoom (live-streamed)

Also available on Facebook or  
YouTube at a later time



(Consecration Sunday continued...)

So, what is our proper role as caretakers? We must understand how the natural and physical world that God created works and how our “management practices” impact it. We can misuse, exploit, and deplete it. Or we can nurture, support, and sustain it.

As you prayerfully prepare for Consecration Sunday on May 22, we ask you to consider *your* role as a steward in God’s creation as well as *your* role as a steward of God’s people and the church.

Let God direct your actions, attitudes, practices, and relationships to all of God’s creation as you prepare yourself to be God’s steward of it all.

Lou Ann Connelly

## 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. A background check and online training will be required. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest ([crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com)) for more information.



## Summer Worship Weather Guidelines

*Outdoor Worship will not be conducted if:*

- ~ Outdoor temperature is under 55 degrees
- ~ Heat Advisory issued by the National Weather Service
- ~ Precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- ~ Wind interference with the sound system or camera system
- ~ Other weather-related conditions or impending weather changes that would interfere with conducting a full worshipful service.

The decision for worship to move indoors or to be ONLY available on Zoom will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service. Please check our website for updated information.

May's Mission of the Month is Samaritan Counseling Center. As their web site concisely states, "We aim to enhance the lives of our clients by focusing holistically on their mind, body and spirit, highlighting unique strengths, and supporting relationships." Samaritan Counseling Center offers individual, couple, family, and pre-marital counseling. Since 1949, May has been Mental Health Awareness Month. Even though it is the **74<sup>th</sup>** year, stigma, prejudice, and shame continue to abound in communities and families regarding issues of mental health. We need to do better. Emotional and behavioral issues can affect individuals of any age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status. Unfortunately, education, awareness, and resources are not equitably accessible. Peer or family pressure, finances, and availability of professionals are just a few issues that hinder care. Supporting Samaritan Counseling Center is only one small way we can improve the lives of our family, friends, and community. Please consider donating via your yellow "Mission of the Month" offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with "Samaritan Counseling Center" in the memo, or directly through the donate button on their website: [samaritancounselingcenter.org](http://samaritancounselingcenter.org).

To learn more about Mental Health Awareness Month, you can visit:

<https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>



## Summer Youth Services

The last day for Sunday school will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope for a full Sunday school reopening in the fall.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> will also be the last day for Children's Worship, which meets in the gathering room during worship. Nursery care will be available for children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>.

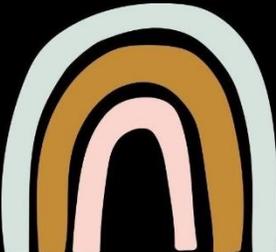


The youth group would like to extend a HUGE “Thank You!!” to everyone who contributed medical supplies and financial support to the Ukrainian humanitarian relief efforts. The gravity of the situation is beyond comprehension for most of us. Even though the collection period was short to meet the urgent need, your response was incredible! Thank you for supporting the people of

Ukraine, and thank you for always supporting the CRCC Youth Group!



**WORKSHOP SERIES ON  
LGBTQIA+ AND ALLYSHIP**  
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**May 11** - Vocabulary - Diving into pronouns!  
**May 25** - Coming Out - What is it like? What is my role?  
**June 8** - Transition - Understanding gender identity shifts

Throughout these workshops we will exercise Christ’s call for hospitality, and welcoming all of God’s people to the table. This goal aims to encourage understanding, empathy, and wondering between all our siblings in Christ – truly an embodiment of hospitality.

The workshops will be:

**Every other Wednesday Night, at 7 pm over Zoom.**

They will span 1.5 hours and will have a presenter from Room for All leading, Mitchel Leet.

If you are interested in joining this workshop series, or simply one or two of the workshops, please contact: Abby Norton-Levering [nortonlevering@gmail.com](mailto:nortonlevering@gmail.com)

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**Worship Hours**

We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10 AM  
Outdoor Services are also available in the Summer every Sunday at 9 AM  
Holiday and Special Services will be announced on our website and this newsletter.

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## Composting Innovation

A recent article in the Times Union quoted one of our Community Reformed Church of Colonie family members, Dan Lilkas-Rain, the head of the Recycling and Composting Department in Bethlehem, regarding new technology being used in Bethlehem for food scrap composting. Dan reports that this new system will allow for an increase in the speed, efficiency, and volume of food scraps that the facility can process. Further, that composting is really important in addressing climate change. This innovation in Bethlehem, under Dan's direction, fits into the message of our stewardship campaign to consider our role in protecting and nurturing the beautiful planet that God has provided to us. The full article can be read here: <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/For-Bethlehem-rotting-food-has-become-serious-17062068.php>

Thank you, Dan, for helping to provide a better tomorrow.

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