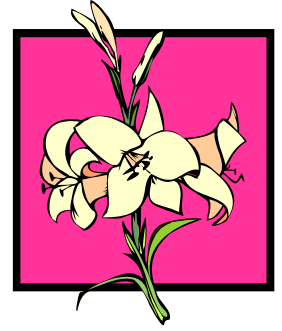


The Fourth Sunday of Easter



May 8, 2022
Order of Worship
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

“The shepherd always tries to persuade the sheep that their interests and his own are the same.”

~ Stendhal

PRELUDE “Table of Plenty”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome
Announcements

WITNESSING STEWARD – Nancy Bacon

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Make Me a Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Though it may seem dark,
though it may feel cold,
though death and evil may parade their influence
wherever we may look,

***Beneath it all,
invincible and undefeated,
subversive and undeniable,
glows life.***

And wherever people clothe themselves
in truth, faith, peace, justice and salvation,
wherever people live by the words of Christ,
life stands in defiance of death.

***And so we praise you, God
and we celebrate your life;
As we surround ourselves again today
with all the qualities and gifts that you give
to save us from the darkness.***

*HYMN 574 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

***I Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your wandering children, lost, alone.***

*2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the stumbling and the straying feet;
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungry ones with manna sweet.*

*3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.*

*4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

There are so many people of influence in our world, Jesus,
*Those with loud voices and deep pockets,
those with large lives and wide networks.
But, where are the leaders?*

As we struggle to keep our broken humanity
from splintering into countless irreparable fragments;
As we wrestle with our greed and arrogance,
*our ignorance and short-sightedness,
our violence and coldness,
our carelessness and narcissism,
Where are the leaders?*

Raise up for us, O God, leaders worthy of the name,
men and women who like Christ,
*are unafraid of challenge,
unashamed of serving,
and unattached to their own personal gain;*
men and women who like Christ
*call to the best within us,
and then lead the way.*

*And, in our own small spheres, God,
may we be the leaders we seek.
Amen.*

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

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS - based on Psalm 91:14-15

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Melody York

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

ANTHEM “You Are the Bread”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Only One Voice Is Needed”

My Shepherd
By Michael Card
Soloist Benjamin April

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

*The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us, binding us in
one, as we share him together.*

This is something we do eagerly.

Christ welcomes us here.

This is something we do seriously.

For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence of the Lord"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15). The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***THE OFFERING**

***OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;*

***Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

HYMN "Holy Lord" (3 times)

Dona Nobis Pacem

***Holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.***

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.

Yet we rebelled against your will.

In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant.

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion.

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

We beheld His glory.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His followers and beaten.

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, He was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.

Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper in true and unconditional love.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again.***

"GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Glorify Your Name

***Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.***

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

*Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched,
we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of
your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house
filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love
for those who are around us and who share our lives. We
pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

HYMN 632 "The Lord's Prayer"

MALOTTE

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy 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 the evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever, Amen.
Amen.*

*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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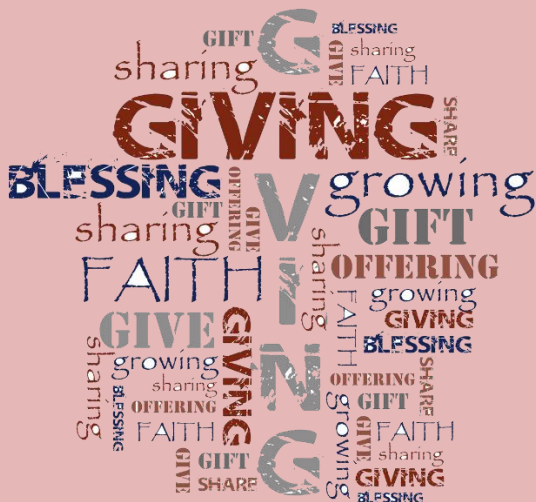
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Tuesday, May 10

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 12

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7:00 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study - 7:00-8:00pm

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.

Spring Clean-up Day- a spring clean-up will be held on **Saturday, May 14** starting at 9 am. Please mark your calendars. Many hands make light work and are a lot more fun. Please join us and help with spring cleaning in and around the church.

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. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.



Stewardship Materials

Hopefully, this past week, each household received an envelope containing the 2022-23 stewardship materials. Enclosed in each envelope are two cards-of-intent – one regarding financial stewardship and one regarding stewardship of God’s creation. We would like to request that these cards-of-intent not be filled out until May 22. On that Sunday, the congregation at home and in the sanctuary will be invited to fill out the cards as an act of worship.

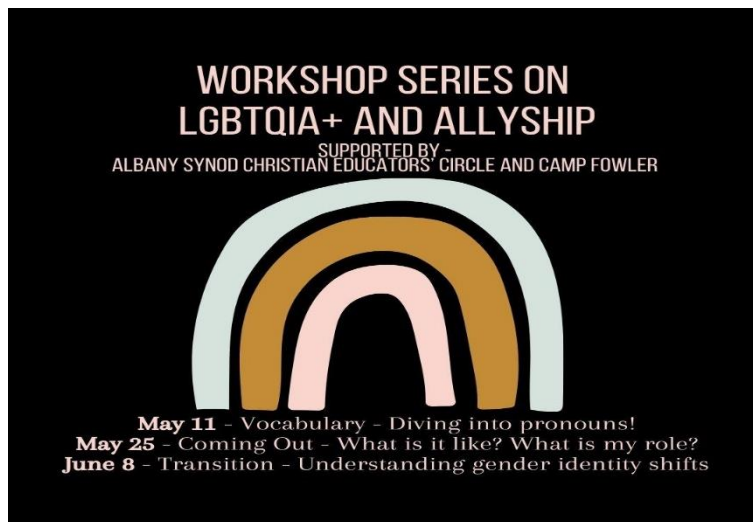
For those worshipping in the sanctuary, their gifts will be consecrated after they have been placed on the altar table during the period of meditation.

For those worshipping at home, their gifts will be consecrated during the period of meditation via the miracle of the internet. Those worshipping at home are invited to return their cards to the church in the envelope that was enclosed with the mailing.

The May Mission of the Month is The 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 74th 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.

To learn more about Mental Health Awareness Month, you can visit: <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

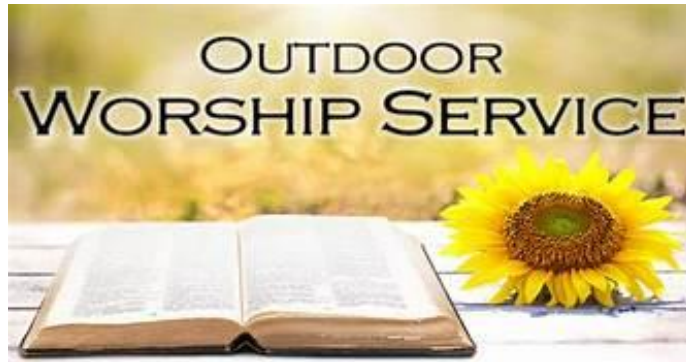


Throughout these workshops we will exercise Christ’s call for hospitality, and welcoming all of God’s people to the table. This goal aims to encourage understanding, empathy, and wondering between all our siblings in Christ - truly an embodiment of hospitality.

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



May 29 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

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 11:1-10
Tuesday - Acts 11:11-18
Wednesday - Psalm 148
Thursday - Revelation 21:1-4
Friday - Revelation 21:5-6
Saturday - John 13:31-35
Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family
out of every tribe, language, and nation,
to love and serve you daily
in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity.
Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference
as we seek to be one with you and each other
this day and always. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O Shepherd of all,
you have brought us to the close of another day;
for this gift and the blessings we now name,
we give you thanks.
All that we have and all that we are come from you;
and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care,
let us lie down this night in peace,
that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy.
Amen.



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