

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**Sunday,
October 22, 2023**

10:00 AM

Sanctuary Worship
Order of Service

* - 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

“Singing can help us create beautiful,
inspiring music that changes the world around us
and leaves us in a state of triumph.”

~ Claude Stein

PRELUDE “Come Christians, Join To Sing”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

How can we ever understand the mystery of your love, O God?
How can we ever estimate the value of your compassion
and mercy?

In our weakness and brokenness,
in our strength and wholeness,
we find the touch of your support and creative energy.

In our fears and suffering, in our joys and pleasures,
***we find the moistness of your tears
and the percussion of your laughter.***

In our failures and despair, in our successes and dreams,
***we find the comfort of your forgiveness
and the inspiration of your Spirit.***

These are gifts beyond measure,
and we can only respond with joyful praise.

You are the home we long for,
***the family where we discover that we truly belong,
the hearth where we are warmed and renewed.***

***And we worship you with our whole being, wonderful and loving
God.***

Amen.

*HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
fire___ of love in our flesh and our bone.

✱THE RESPONSIVE READING

Your love, O God,
is an active love:

***engaged,
involved,
immersed.***

Your love, O God,
is seen in what you do, not just in what you say:

***in the blessing of children,
in the meals with outcasts,
in the touching of the untouchable,
in your presence,
and your self-giving,
in your opening of the way to life
to all who will come;***

And your love, O God,
is expressed through people like us:

***as we share our wealth in simplicity and generosity;
as we share wholeness in care and healing
of the sick and broken;
as we share hospitality by being truly present to the lonely,
the imprisoned and the marginalized;
as we share peace in kindness, listening and acceptance
with those who challenge us, confront us and threaten us.***

As you have loved us in incarnate action, O God,
***may we learn to be little incarnations through whom
your love is expressed and experienced in action.***

Amen.

✱MEDITATION “Sing Praises” (3 times)

***Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we treat our faith as nothing more than a self-help system
and you, God, as simply a cure for whatever ails us,
Where is the love?

When we use the gifts our planet gives us
with little care for our wastefulness and destruction,
Where is the love?

When we deny and disdain truths and practices
that others hold dear,
Where is the love?

When we ignore the sickness, the loneliness,
the struggle and the vulnerability of others,
because it doesn't affect us,
Where is the love?

When we berate ourselves for our failures,
or hold ourselves to impossible and trivial standards,
Where is the love?

***Forgive us, Lord,
and teach us and our world what it really means to love.***

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Come O Lord & Set Us Free" (3 times)

***Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 96:1-13

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

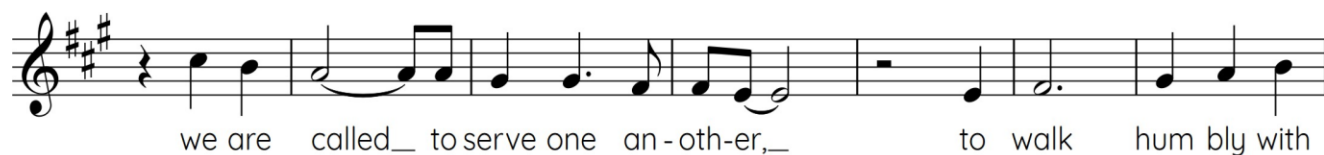
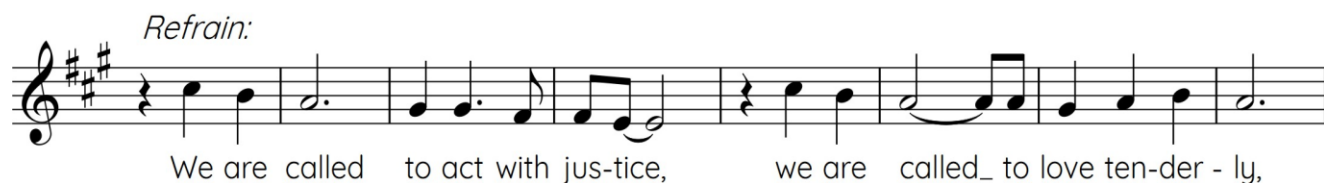
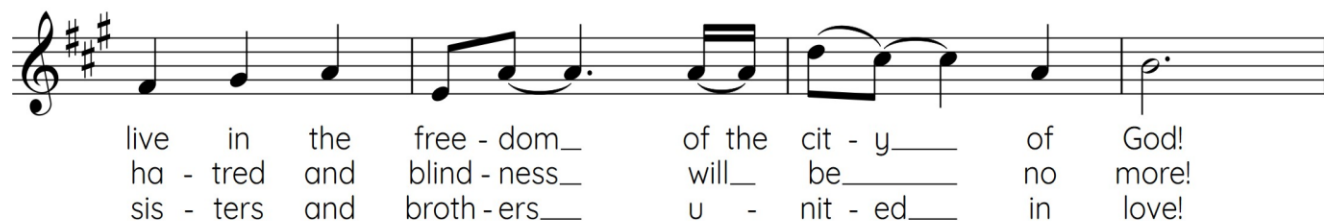
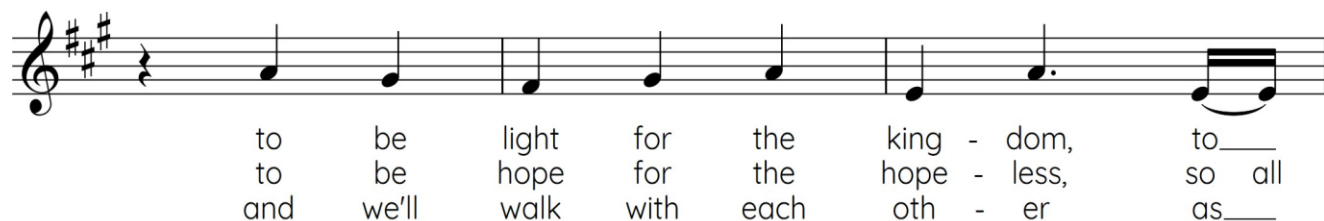
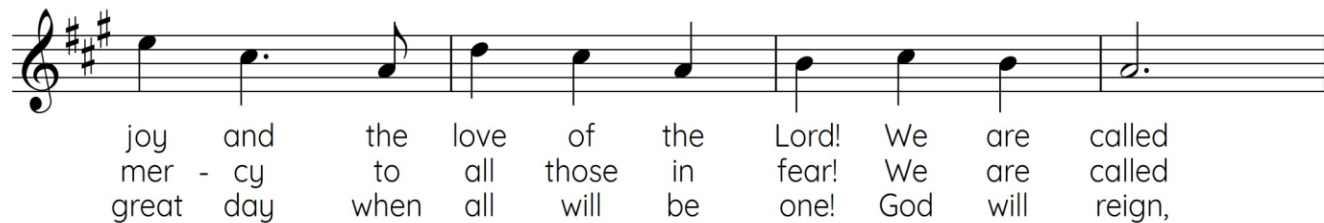
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

This is the Word of God. *Thanks be to God.*

MORNING MESSAGE "Sing Unto God A New Song"



*HYMN "We Are Called"



*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.*



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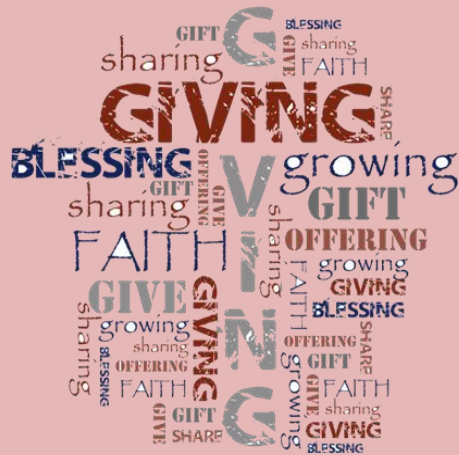
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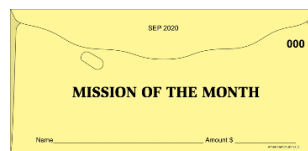
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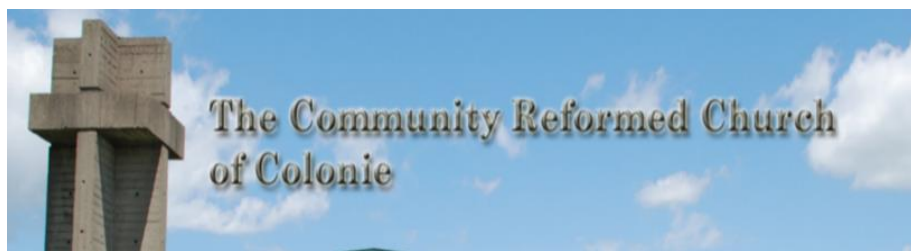
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