



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Order of Service - 10:00 am

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in *bold italics*.

* - 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

“Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;
from our vain ambition’s worry come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s peace.”

Marva J. Dawn from “Come Away From Rush and Hurry” verse 1

PRELUDE “It Is Well With My Soul”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER QUILT

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Speak to us today, O God.

Speak to us your truth.

Come to us today, O God.

Come to us with your light.

Dwell with us today, O God.

Dwell with us in love.

Renew us today, O God.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

And seek God's truth, light, love, and renewal.



* HYMN 461 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

461 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

You have been . . . a shelter from the storm . . . Is. 25:4

1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
 leave, O leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name, I am all un - right - eous - ness;
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1738
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1879

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A PRAYER FOR RECEPTIVITY

Lord, we gather this day as openly and as honestly as we are presently able.

For this time that is sanctified for listening and learning together, may we be blessed to know the goodness of godly fellowship and the sincere grace leading us gently.

May the life of your refreshing Spirit hover over the face of the waters of our lives, ready and willing to bring new life to the emptiness we feel and meaning to the hopes we hold.

***Enable us together to discern your presence among us and your desire for us. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Blessing & 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.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, when we have neglected your claim upon our lives; when we have failed to affirm others whom you have called; when we have stumbled from your way,

Forgive us our sins, O God, as we forgive those who sin against us.

When we have wounded others; when we have been too rigid or too easily swayed; when we have been self-protecting or oversensitive,

Forgive us our sins, O God, as we forgive those who sin against us.

When we have guarded our privileges while others suffer; when we have used our weakness as an excuse for inaction; when we lose the will to answer your summons,

Forgive us our sins, O God, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Speak your gracious word of forgiveness that we might hear and be restored.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

*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 PARDON

God declares us forgiven and restores us to faith and fellowship.

*In listening with our heart, in responding with our will,
in looking to Jesus Christ, the way ahead will be clear to us,
and peace will abide in us.*

Receive God’s pardon for you, with you, before you, and go forth to live in peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 “My Refuge”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God anymore, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for Jesus taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! Jesus commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once Jesus fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE

"What are you listening to? What are you listening for?"

*HYMN 90 "Christ is the World's Light"

Christ Is the World's Light 90

He said, "I am the light of the world." Jn. 8:12

Unison



1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er; born in our
2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er; no one can
3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er; sold once for
4. Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er; give God the

dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er - if we have seen him,
serve him, and de - spise an - oth - er. Who else u - nites us,
sil - ver, murdered here, our broth - er - he, who re - deems us,
glo - ry, Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther; give God the glo - ry,

we have seen the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
one in God the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
reigns with God the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
God - with - us our broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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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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Marv Helf

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Karl Coté

Sound Technician
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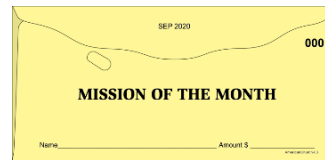
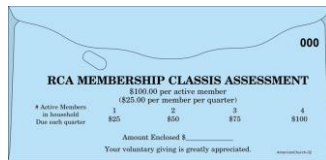
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Listen for
God's voice
in everything you do
Proverbs 3:7