



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 25, 2022

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

“Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”

— [Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost Of Discipleship*](#)

PRELUDE “Multiplied”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Money talks and power makes the world go around, or so they would have us believe;

And we, forgetting that other voice, join the march in hopes that we may find a place among the rich and strong.

But, you, O God, feel no shame, fear no harm

as you walk among the poorest and weakest feeling completely at home.

Thank you for the voice of your love that keeps singing of the power in weakness, the wealth in simplicity,

and the freedom and safety that is found in walking your humble, serving way.

Let us worship God. Amen.

* HYMN “Gather Us In”

***Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name***

***We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty***

***Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song***

***Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones***

RESPONSIVE READING

It's a simple choice, really, one that should be easy.
Do we create need –

***Building our lives around a void that we feed and feed, but is
never satisfied;***

Storing more than we will ever use, to silence our fear,
while ignoring the cries of those we have left empty?

Or Do we create plenty –

Finding satisfaction in enough, finding joy in what can't be owned and
life in what is not for sale;

***Seeking to share life and joy and food and wealth, so that
these blessings are multiplied, and celebrated.***

Teach us, Jesus, in our homes and families, our communities and
neighborhoods, our countries and continents,

***to always make the simple choice to create plenty wherever
and however we may. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified”

***In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

How did it happen, God? How did we come to believe in scarcity?

In “not enough to go around;” In “you’ve got to look after yourself”?

How did we miss the plenty bursting out around us? How did we fall for the deception that what we can grasp in our hands would ever be enough?

How did we grow so blind and so foolish, that we would allow so much beauty and life, joy and laughter, sharing and love, to pass us by unnoticed?

How poor we have become, and how poor we have made others, simply because we forgot your infinite, overflowing abundance;

because we allowed ourselves to think that sharing and giving leaves us with less; because we nurtured appetites that are never satisfied

unless they have far more than is needed,

thinking our gluttony would silence our fear.

Forgive us, and teach us about your generosity again; remind us that you are able and willing to do far more than we can imagine;

and open our eyes to the plenty we enjoy, the plenty we can share,

and all the plentiful goodness in our world

that cannot be owned, but can be enjoyed by all. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come & Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

Alleluia!

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Melody York

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Ellen Buono

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 “God of Wonders”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly

provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Let Go and Let God”

HYMN “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Refrain:

*Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Refrain

*I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Refrain

*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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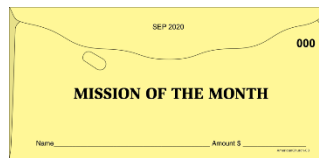
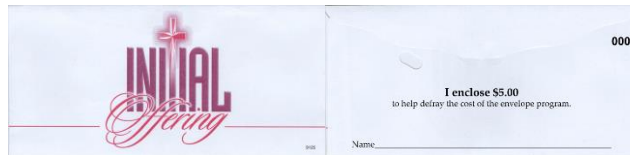
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Special Offering Envelopes –

There are two special offering envelopes for September

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crcclori@gmail.com.



GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Choir Rehearsal – Choir will rehearse before (9:00-9:30) and after (11:15-12:00) worship. We will continue that rehearsal schedule through the fall.

Monday, September 26

The Quilt Group will meet in the sanctuary Monday evening 5:30-7:30pm. Anyone who is interested in helping with this ministry is welcome to come, regardless of level of experience. This will be a working meeting, so participants are asked to bring fabric and their own sewing machines if they have one. Other tools will be provided. If anyone has some cotton holiday fabric in usable condition that you don't need, please consider donating it to the group. If you have any questions, contact Lou Ann Connelly

Tuesday, September 27

Book Group – 6pm will meet at the home of Maggie George. We will discuss "your summer reading assignment." The two books for August and September are "Passing" written by Nella Larsen and "The Vanishing Half" written by Brit Bennett.

For October we are reading "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Please contact Karen Reynolds with any questions,

kreynolds150@gmail.com

Thursday, September 29

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

Lesson - "Newswriter's Advice for Hard Times: Unplug from the News for a While"

Friday, September 30

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Saturday, October 1

Women's Bible Study – The next bible study will meet at 9:30am in the Gathering Room and by Zoom.

Newcomer Orientation

Individuals interested in affiliating with the Community Reformed Church of Colonie are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation Sessions offered by Rev. Cornwell either on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour (8:50 – 9:40 am) or at a mutually agreed upon time during the week. There will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9th. These sessions will include discussions about Reformed Christianity, The Reformed Church in America, The Worshipping Community, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. These classes are also available to individuals who do not wish to affiliate with the church but who would simply like to know more about our denomination and church. For additional information, please speak to Rev. Cornwell.

Youth Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking a Sunday school teacher for grades 3-6 on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45. The curriculum with lessons and activity suggestions is provided. Please see Sarah Huiest, if interested.

We are in great need of individuals to lead Children's Worship in the gathering room during 10:00 worship. Following the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2nd grade go back to the gathering room for a Bible story and craft activity. Everything needed for the lesson and craft activity is already provided. Please see Sarah Huiest, if interested.

Church Calendar –

Committees and groups, please help us to be sure our Church Calendar is up to date with any meetings or activities that are planned. This way we won't have time and space conflicts. Contact the Church Office at crclori@gmail.com to have your date added to the calendar. If this will be a Zoom meeting we will also need to know and we will add you to the schedule for Zoom meetings.



*November 6
10 AM*

*On this special Sunday, our church family
gives thanks to God for
“all the saints from whom their labors rest”.
Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles
we honor those who we dearly love
and will always remember.*

**Fall is Here...Winter is sadly around the corner
We need assistance in getting the Outdoor Maintenance of the Church done
before the cold gets here
Please Help!!!**

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church?
Below is a list of areas that need attention.

For a more detailed description visit the Church website.

Contact Lori Cote (crclori@gmail.com), or Kevin Ingalls (kki243@verizon.net)
Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

Fencing around HVAC units

Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road

Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary

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 Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Sarah Huiest

Elder of the Day
Linda Murphy

Deacon of the Day
Ellen Buono

Liturgist
Melody York

Children's Message
Melody York

Director of Music
Ministries
Ben April

Soloist
Brian Rhode

Choir
Tina-Marie Bottini
Michelle Braungard
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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Lamentations 1:1-6

Tuesday - Lamentations 3:19-26

Wednesday - Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Thursday - Psalm 37:1-9

Friday - 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Saturday - Luke 17:5-10

Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

My God
out of the darkness
that stalks the night
you bring the light of morning.
Let my love for you
not waste at noonday,
but burn until evening again. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

My God, Most High,
day is done.
I rest in your shelter,
abide in your shadow,
trust in you. Amen.

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