

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



**Sunday,
October 8, 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

“The measure of a Christian is not in the height of his grasp
but in the depth of his love”

~ Clarence Jordan

PRELUDE “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Make Me a Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

We have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

***We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia!
Amen!***



*HYMN 381 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Mt. 13:39

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,
 3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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✱THE RESPONSIVE READING

It would be much easier, Jesus, to ignore the hard truths around us:
the widening gap between rich and poor,
the consistency with which the powerful get their way,
***the bending of rules and the self-enrichment of the connected
and influential,***
the lack of adequate care, protection and resources for the most
vulnerable among us;
we would rather not see these signs.

It would be much easier if we could just pretend everything was
alright,
***if we could prophesy goodness and light, and ignore the
darkness and evil;***
if we didn't have to offend the status quo, or challenge the
comfortable;
if we could convince ourselves that the cross,
was just a one-time thing –
your calling, not ours.

But, we can't do this, Jesus, because we know too much; your Gospel
has captured us and opened our eyes, and we have become slaves to
love,
the love that must speak for the voiceless,
the love that must challenge injustice,
the love that draws lines of division
between truth and denial,
between compassion and expediency.

Give us the courage to acknowledge what we see,
to name the signs of the times,
to disrupt the 'way things are'
in the name of what should be,
to divide in order to heal and restore,
and to be crucified for the sake of love. Amen.

***MEDITATION** “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (3 times)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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 “Lord of Forever”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-19

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them:

“You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

Do not go over your vineyard a second time, or pick up the grapes that have fallen; you shall leave them for the poor and the foreigner: I am the Lord your God.

“Do not steal; do not lie; do not deceive one another. Do not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

“Do not defraud or steal from your neighbor, and do not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind but fear your God. I am the Lord.

“Do not render an unjust judgment; do not disregard the poor or show partiality to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. Do not go around as a slanderer among your people, and do not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

“Do not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. Do not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but instead love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

“You shall not let your animals breed with a different kind; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed; nor shall you put on a garment made of two different materials.

I am the Lord. You shall keep my decrees.

MORNING MESSAGE "You Shall Be Holy"

*HYMN 562 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 562

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only . . . Jn. 1:14

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2. Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:

Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more your-self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

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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.*

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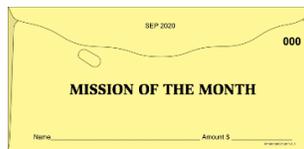
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Love_{the} Lord_{your} God
with all your heart & with all your
soul & with all your strength
& with all your mind; & Love
{your} neighbor{as} yourself. LUKE 10:27