



## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2024**

**Order of Service – 10:00 am**

**Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM**

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

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

### *Words of Welcome*

***“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.”***

***(Matthew 22:37-40)***

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.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you,  
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

## CONTEMPLATION

“Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
for we need you to help us find our way. Gentle Shepherd,  
come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.  
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
for we need you to help us find our way.”

Text by Gloria and William Gaither

**PRELUDE** “Refiner's Fire”

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**THE ELDER’S PRAYER** – Karl Coté

**INTROIT** “Holy Ground”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In your wisdom, O God, you called us here to worship you.  
***We gather, alive to the Word of God.***

In your generosity, O God, you call us to be fully alive with your  
abundant life, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, mind,  
and strength.  
***We listen, eager for the Word of God.***

With expectation, O God, you call us to be always watchful for your  
Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still  
and quiet, but always present and active among us.  
***We watch and wait and long for God’s Word to speak to us.***  
Let us worship God together.

\* HYMN "Cornerstone"

Verses:



My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je sus' blood and  
 When dark-ness comes to hide His face. I rest on His un-  
 When He shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in



righ-teous-ness. I dare not trust the sweet-est frame,  
 chang-ing grace. In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale,  
 Him be found. Dress in His righ - teous-ness a - lone,



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name...  
 my an - chor holds with - in \_\_\_\_\_ the veil...  
 { fault - less stand be - fore \_\_\_\_\_ the throne..

Refrain:



Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone, weak made strong in the Sav - ior's love.



— Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.



## CONFESSION OF FAITH (From "Our Song of Hope")

*We sing to our Lord a new song. We sing in our world a sure Hope. Our God loves this world, called it into being, renews it through Jesus Christ, governs it by the Spirit. God is the world's true Hope.*

*We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord. Our Lord speaks to us now through inspired scriptures. Jesus Christ is with us day by day.*

*God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love. Christ will wipe away every tear and death will be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.*

*Come, Lord Jesus. We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION "The Lord is My Light" (3 times)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus Christ, you sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often, we ignore those in need, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us.*

*Forgive us, we pray.*

*Forgive us and empower us to reach out in love, to embrace others with acceptance, and to share the good news of restoration with all.*

*In your holy name we pray. 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 (From Ephesians 2:12-14, 19-22)

So then, remember that you were at one time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

## SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

## 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 “Great Are You Lord”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6: 30-37a

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."


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

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** "Do You See What I See?"

(Jesus to his disciples)




# HYMN "I Will Call Upon the Lord"



I will call up-on\_ the Lord who is wor-thy to\_ be praised.



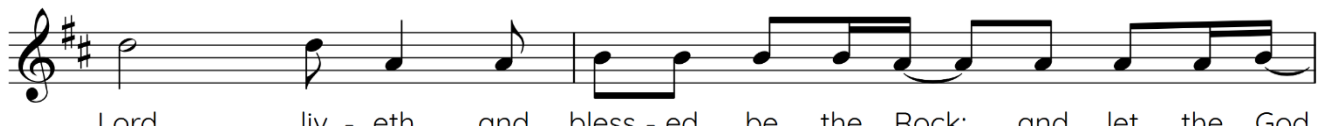
So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on\_ the Lord.



Lord. The Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock; and let the God



\_ of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The



Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock; and let the God



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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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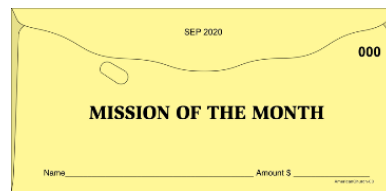
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**In-Person Worship Guidelines** - Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others. Reminder: 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://tinyurl.com/CRCCZoom>

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