



May 7, 2023
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

"Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church. Essentially, He said that the church should go to the whole world."

~ Greg Laurie

PRELUDE “You Are Mine”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WITNESSING STEWARDS – BJ and Debbie Todd

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

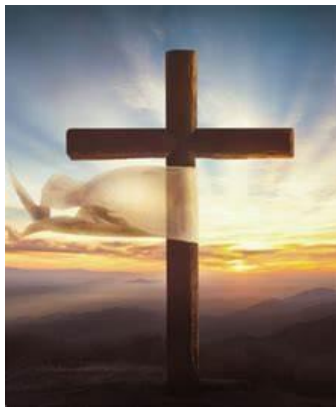
THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Life,
Thank you for your gift of resurrection now,
*and for all the different and unique ways your life is
revealed and expressed in our world.*

As we worship today,
we invite your unpredictable Spirit
*to awaken our most authentic and unique selves,
so we may become celebrants of all the unique
and varied ways of being and living that are
reflected in our world here and now. Amen.*



* HYMN "You Are Mine"

Verses



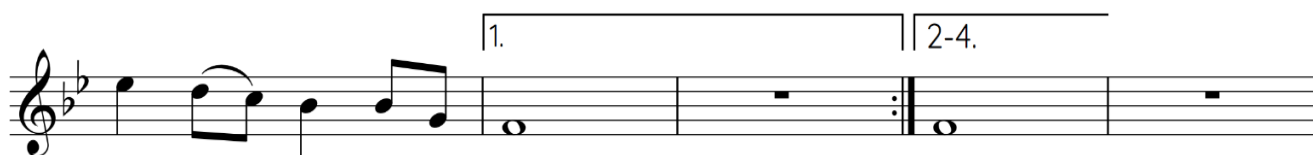
I will come to you in the si - lence,
I am hope for all who are hope-less,
I am strength for all the de-spair-ing_

I will lift you from_ all your
I am eyes for all who long to
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in



fear.
see.
shame.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
In the shad-dows of the night, I will be your light,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and



still and_ know I am here.
come and_ rest in_
all will_ know my_

me.
name.

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.



Come and fol - low me,

I will bring you home;

I



love_ you and you are mine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are much bigger than we can ever imagine! You are the very expression of diversity; Parent, Child, and Spirit.

***We praise you, Divine Mystery,
for the complex being you are.***

We are created in your image, as very complex people,
with diverse thoughts and beliefs.

***We praise you for the ability to think differently,
believe differently,
and still be loved and adored by you.***

But we sometimes need you to fit into our boxes,
so we create you in our image.

***Forgive us for limiting you,
and using this limited image to enforce who is loved by
you and who isn't.***

We get scared of things we don't understand, and this makes our
understanding of the world so small.

***Forgive us for not being open to the new, the unknown,
the mystery.***

***The world is much more vibrant when we see all the colors,
and hear all the songs.***

***We open now to the mysteries
and insights you have to offer. 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 – Melody York

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD –Marv Helf

ANTHEM "You Are My All in All"

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Why Jesus?"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

***The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us,
binding us in one, as we share him together.***

This is something we do eagerly.

Christ welcomes us here.

This is something we do seriously.

For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence of the Lord"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15). The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***THE OFFERING**

***OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

HYMN "Holy Lord" (3 times)

Sing 3 times

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y;

your glo - ry — fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.

Yet we rebelled against your will.

In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant.

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

***Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one,
Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.***

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

***He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the
power of your compassion.***

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

We beheld His glory.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

***After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His
followers and beaten.***

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

***Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and
being obedient even to death, He was raised from the
dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.***

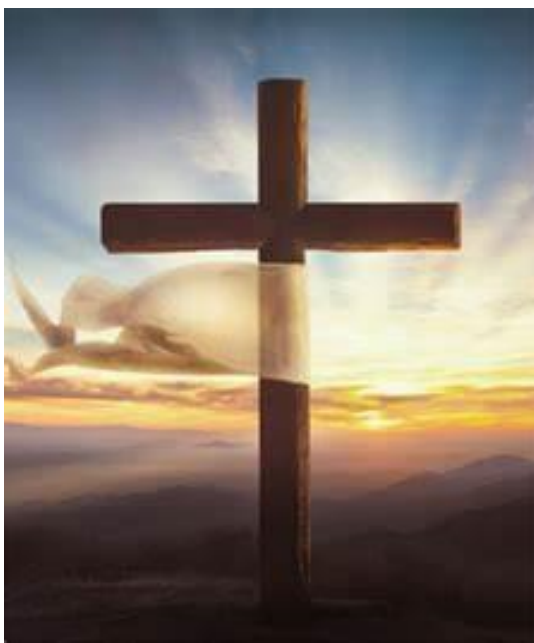
Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

***By His death, resurrection and ascension,
Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit
who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this
Supper in true and unconditional love.***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:



"GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Fa - ther, we love you,
Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
Spir - it, we love you,

This system of music is written in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, we love you, Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you, Spir - it, we love you,".

glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth; _____

This system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note C5, followed by a half note D5, and then a half note E5. The piano accompaniment has a half note C4, followed by a half note D4, and then a half note E4. The lyrics are: "glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth; _____".

glo - ri - fy your name, _____ glo - ri - fy your name,

This system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note F5, followed by a half note G5, and then a half note A5. The piano accompaniment has a half note F4, followed by a half note G4, and then a half note A4. The lyrics are: "glo - ri - fy your name, _____ glo - ri - fy your name,".

glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth! _____

This system concludes the melody. The vocal line has a half note B5, followed by a half note C6, and then a half note D6. The piano accompaniment has a half note B4, followed by a half note C5, and then a half note D5. The lyrics are: "glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth! _____".

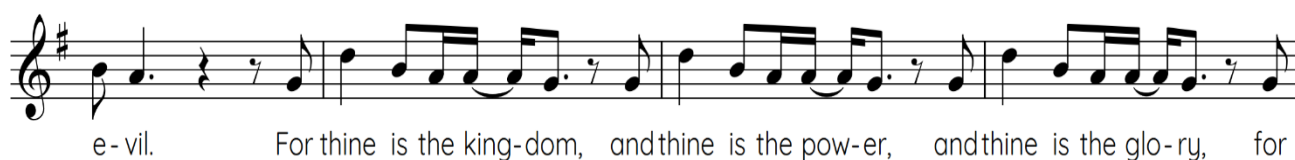
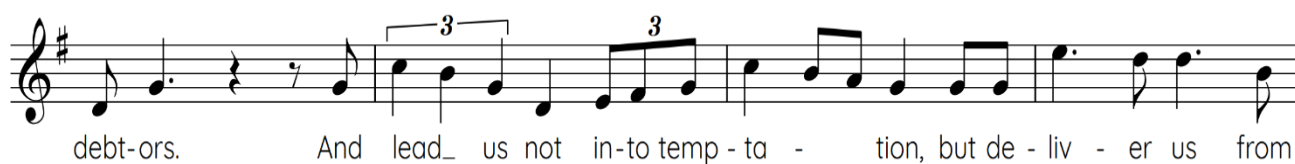
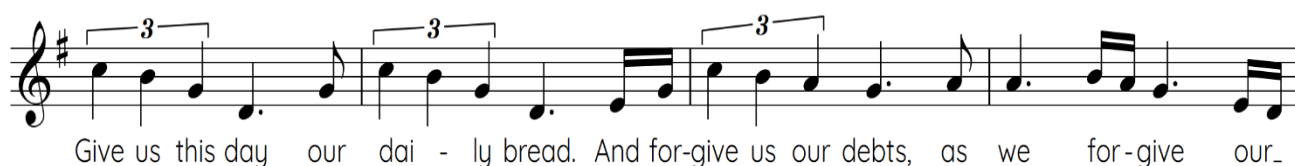
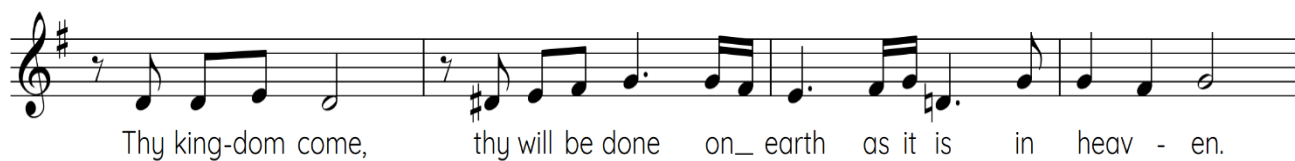
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THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



HYMN "The Lord's Prayer"



*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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Ana Crosbourne

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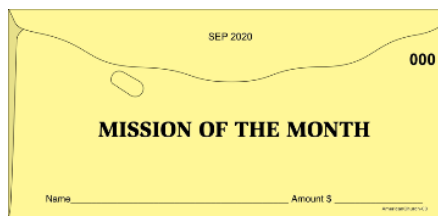
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The special offering envelopes for May.

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.



ZOOM

To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/CRCCZoom>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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.

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