



The Third Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday

May 4, 2025

Worship – 10:00 AM

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.

Today we are celebrating Communion.

In the celebration of Communion, all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table. Please hold the elements until all have received them that we may commune together.

That all may celebrate fully and safely, we use gluten free bread.

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

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let them pray. Is anyone cheerful?

Let them sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick?

**Let them call for the elders of the church and let them pray,
anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will
save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up.”**

James 5: 13-14

PRELUDE “Here I Am, Lord”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Multiplied”

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times. God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord. Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name forever.

I sought the Lord and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to the Lord and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God’s holy name.

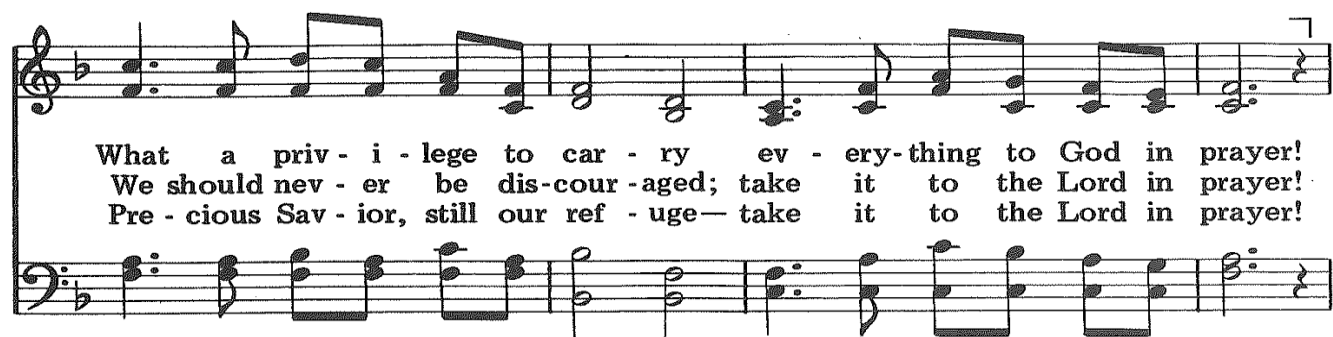
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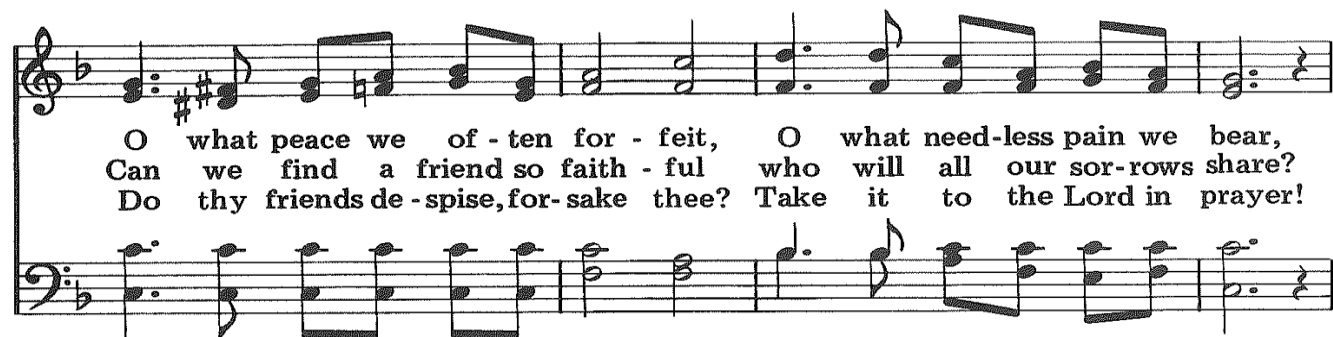
By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6



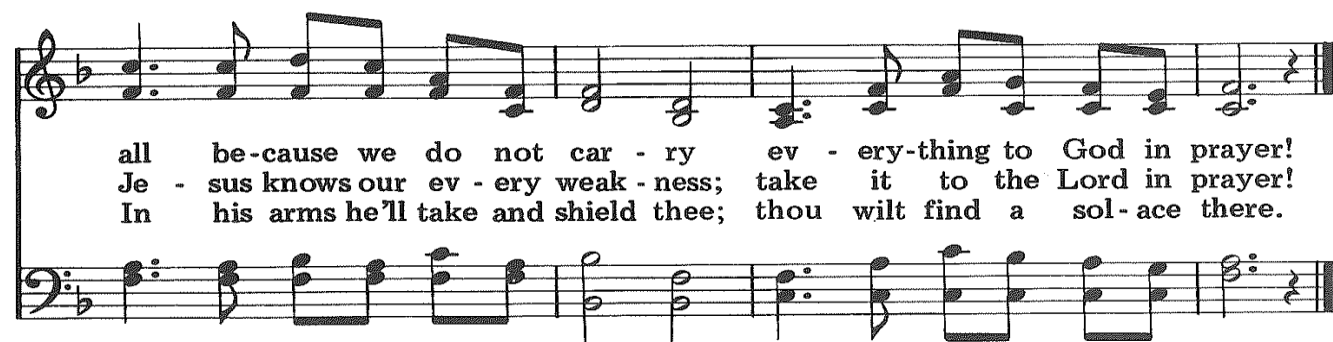
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, c. 1855
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 45)

Question 116: Why do Christians need to pray?

Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

Question 117: How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself in his Word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for.

Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing and humble ourselves in his majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord.

That is what he has promised us in his Word.

TAIZE RESPONSE "Bless the Lord" (3 times)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

TAIZE RESPONSE “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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

ANTHEM “Blessed Be Your Name”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 21:5-13

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him. “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am He!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE – “Pause, Ponder & Praise”

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Where do you see God in your daily life?"

CELEBRATION 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.*

This is something we do together.
*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence
of the Lord".*

*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.

*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"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your

glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est!

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.***

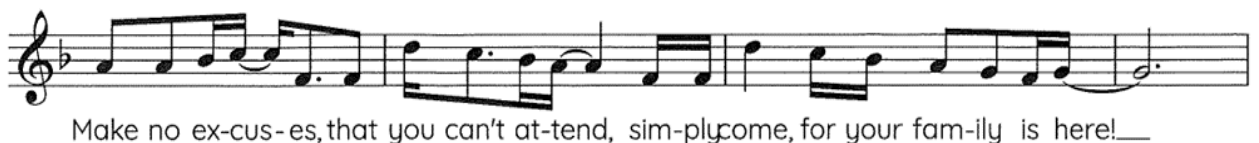
He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

***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



For around this table, you will find your family.

Come not be-cause you have to, come not to prove you are saved,
 come not to speak, or to hear what's ex-pect-ed, have
 cour-age to fol-low wher-ev-er Christ leads!

And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.

Come to the feast of the reign of God;
 we are in-vit-ed to share! Bring all your sor-rows and
 all of your joy; the bro-ken are all wel-come here!

*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the
 broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*

Come, for the ta-ble is read-y! Come, for the ta-ble is read-y!
 Come for the ta-ble is read-y to of-fer new life!

COMMUNION PRAYER



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"

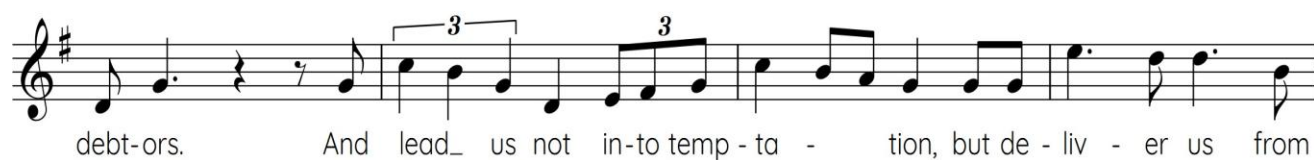


COMMUNION

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.*

POSTLUDE “Speak, O Lord”

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Mystery of Faith

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Glory Be to Almighty God

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The Lord's Prayer

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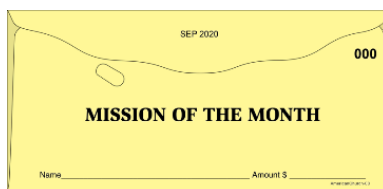
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