

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024

Order of Service – 9:00 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

“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul.
It is daily admission of one's weakness.
It is better in prayer to have a heart without words
than words without a heart.”

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

PRELUDE “Give Me Jesus”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER QUILT - We have a prayer quilt out this morning for Glenn, a friend of the York family. Glenn has been diagnosed with a recurring cancer found in his lymph nodes. Glenn will have surgery on August 1st in an attempt to remove the cancer. After worship, please come forward, tie a knot on the quilt and say a prayer for Glenn.

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Ana Crosbourne

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In your wisdom, oh God, you call us here to worship you.

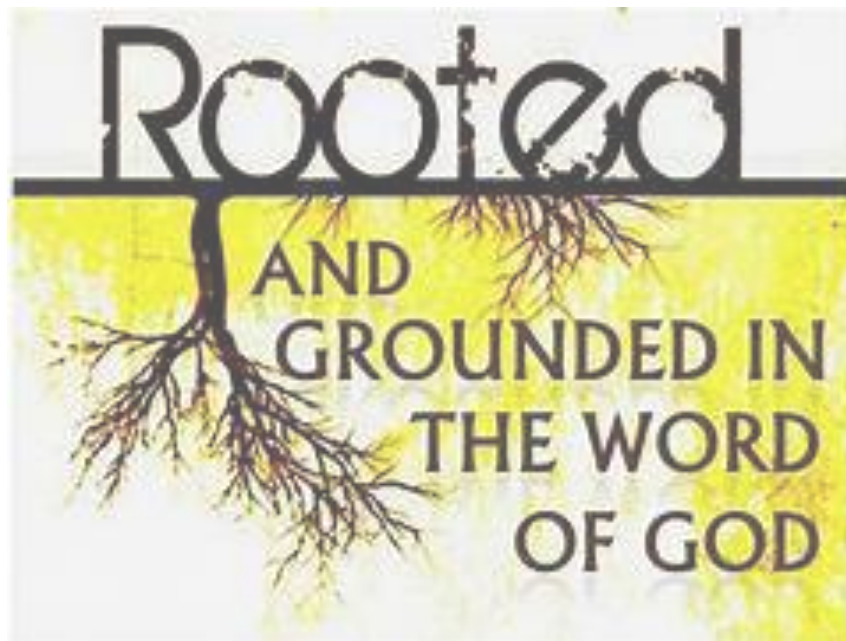
We gather, alive to the word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait and pray for the Word of God.



* HYMN 290 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (verses 1-4)

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King,
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its pul - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross - there teach my heart to cling;
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

WORDS: George Croly, 1867
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE
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CONFESSION OF FAITH (From Our Song of Hope)

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “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

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love in constant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and 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!*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS from Romans 3:22 and the
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 "O God Beyond All Praising"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Prayer"

HYMN 291 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes a treble clef, a bass clef, and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I and I There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord."

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord;
know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord.

Refrain



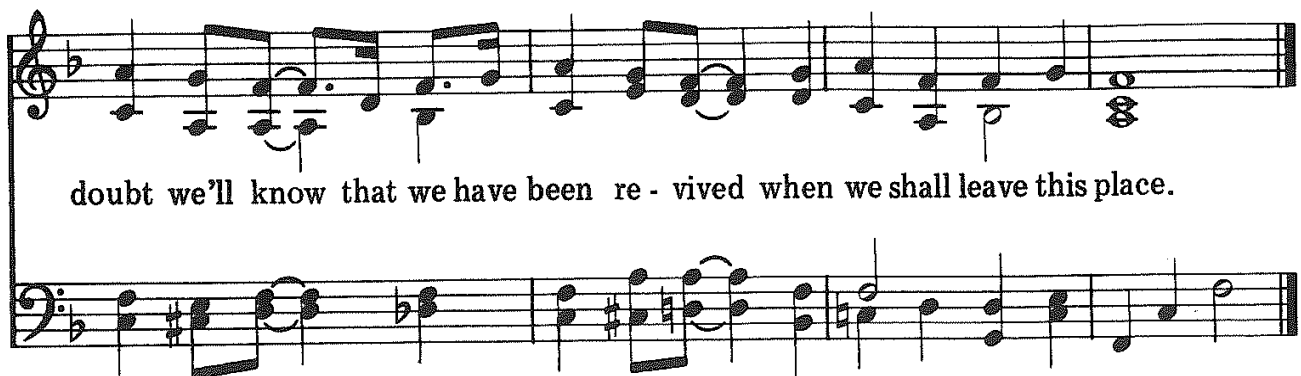
Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, sweet heav-en - ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill-ing us with your love, and for these



bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a



doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

***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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The Irish Blessing

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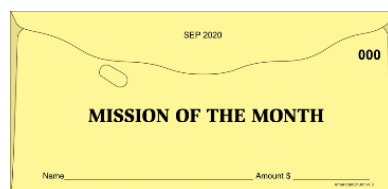
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July Special Offering Envelopes -



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>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656



Prayer E-Chain

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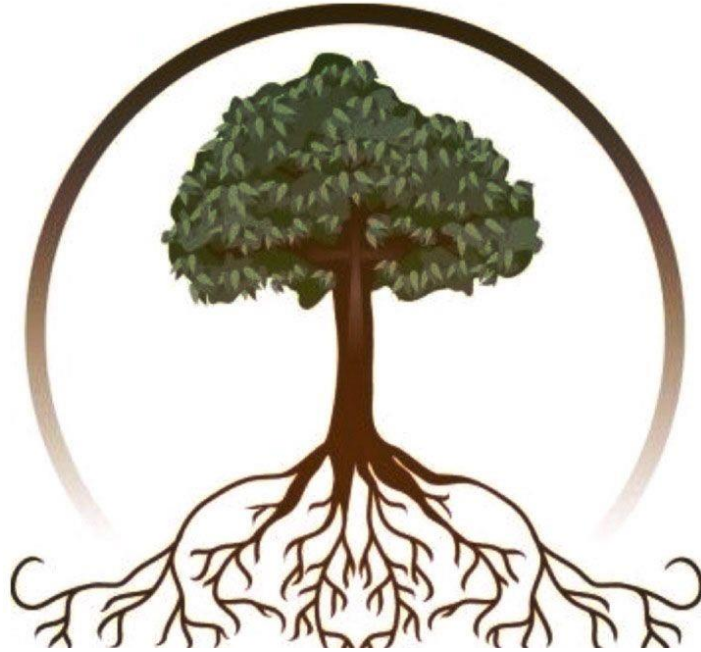
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**I pray that, according to the riches of his glory,
he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power
through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.**

Ephesians 3:14-21