

The Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

Order of Service - 10:00 am

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.

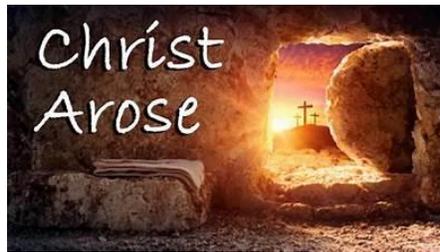
And even if you don’t, you’ll always be a friend.

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

For Contemplation

“Death could not keep his prey, Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from
the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!”

“Christ Arose” text and music by Robert Lowry



PRELUDE “Christ Arose!”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.
But not today.
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.
We have a reason to hope.
We have a reason to sing!
Alleluia!
Christ is risen today.
Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN 250 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 250

He has risen! He is not here. Mk. 16:6

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured: Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love: Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Latin hymn, 14th C.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and ever-loving God, today we confess before you and one another that we remember the wrong things and forget the right things.

We remember our inability and unworthiness while we forget your invitation to follow you as disciples of value.

We remember how it is to sink under the stress of the conditions around us while forgetting your hand reaching out to hold us up and calm those storms.

We remember what the world says about you and how they expect us to be while forgetting that you are the Son of God, our Savior.

We remember ourselves and our need for security and stability while forgetting your example of sacrifice and service.

We remember hurts and wrongs and difficult people while we forget that you continue to welcome, forgive and restore us.

We remember the caution of the world to keep quiet, to bite our tongue while we forget to shout with loudest praise your glory and our love.

Lord Jesus, forgive our forgetfulness and once more open before us the door to new life. Amen

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 PARDON

You are seen and known.
You are forgiven and restored.
You are held in God's grace and
given hope.
Grace and mercy abound for you.
Remember this and go forth to live
in peace.

*You are seen and known.
You are forgiven and restored.
You are held in God's grace and
given hope.
Grace and mercy abound for you.*

Amen!

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Blessing and Praise" (3 times)

*Blessing and praise be given,
Blessing and praise be given
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,
Comes in the name of the Lord.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:1-35

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do

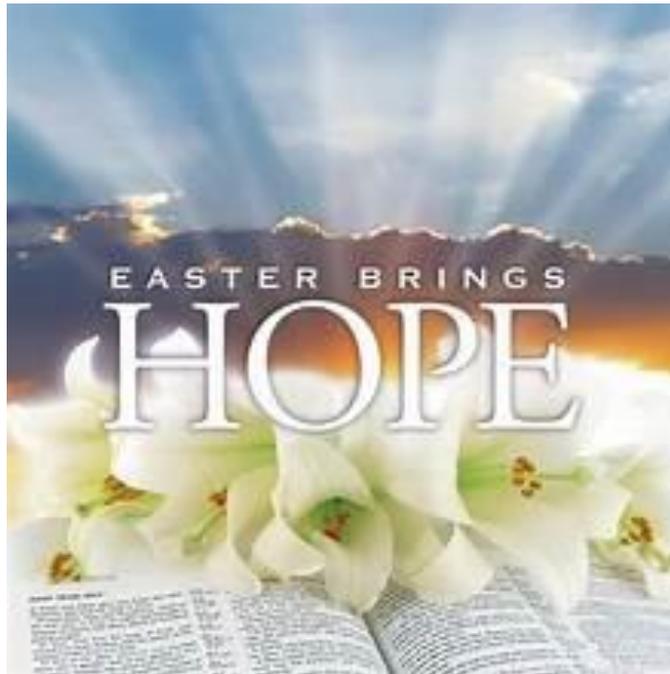
you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took

bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**THE MORNING MESSAGE Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
“Hope Through Remembering”**



*HYMN 234 "Christ, the Lord is Risen Today"

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We may weep through the longest nights.

We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.

We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.

But today, we are a people of hope!

We believe in new beginnings!

We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.

We believe that the tomb could not hold him.

We believe the sun does rise even following the darkest night.

We believe the story is not over yet, for God is among us and working through us.

We believe that Jesus abides among us, teaching, healing, restoring, and we can see his fingerprints throughout the world.

We believe, and today we are a people filled with hope.

*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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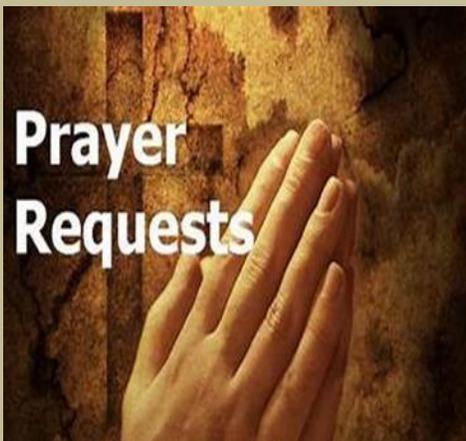
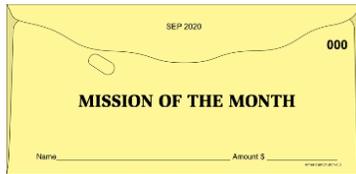
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