



# *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*



July 17, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am

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

\* - 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**

“There is no limit to what great and beautiful things  
the human being can create  
with the power of a balanced mind  
that is open to the inspiration of GOD.”

– Paul Odafe Akpomukai,  
Life without Stress and Pain

**PRELUDE** “Down to the River to Pray”

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

## THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are not near.

*Give us the chance, to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note that we may feel your real presence and in turn live out that presence within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools.*

Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obey.  
*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the firstborn over all creation. Amen.*

\*HYMN “Joy Comes With the Dawn” (3 times)

*Joy comes with the dawn,  
Joy comes with the morning sun,  
Joy springs from the tomb  
And scatters the night with her song,  
Joy comes with the dawn.*

### RESPONSIVE READING

If there is anything we need to learn, it's to listen, God;

*In the midst of so many words  
telling us who 'we' are  
and who 'they' are,  
and what 'the real problem' is,*

directing and misdirecting us, recruiting us and selling all manner of things to us,

*we can start to believe you've gone silent.*

But, if we can still the noise around us and within us, take the time to sit at your feet, and embrace the humility required to hear,

*we will discover that you whisper still,  
within us,  
and through our neighbors,*

*in cries of need,  
and the silence of grief,  
and then, once we have heard your word,  
we will know how to live the truth you have so gently spoken.*

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.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

We live with this reality: God never forgets what we have done but, in mercy, forgives those whose hearts are full of repentance. Let us confess those things that break our relationship with God, assured that God will never break relationship with us.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha.

*We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people.*

We do not take time to listen for your words,

*while reading the Bible,  
while listening to music,  
while talking to friends,  
and we become worried and upset about many things.*

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary.

*We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God,  
and we forget  
to serve our neighbor,  
to commit our time to the concrete work  
of the church,  
and to get our hands dirty.*

God of balance, help us:

*forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers.*

In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments,

*so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen.*

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “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.*

**THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**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** “Whom Shall I Fear”

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** “Choose What To Neglect”

**\*HYMN 279 "My Lord! What a Morning"**

*Refrain:*

*My Lord! what a morning;  
My Lord! what a morning;  
O, my Lord! what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.*

*1 You'll hear the trumpet sound  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand  
when the stars begin to fall.  
(Refrain)*

*2 You'll hear the sinner cry  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand  
when the stars begin to fall.  
(Refrain)*

*3 You'll hear the Christian shout  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand  
when the stars begin to fall.  
(Refrain)*

**\*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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## GENERAL NOTICES

**Friday, July 15**

**Al-Anon** - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.



### Children at the Lord's Table

Are you interested in having your child make their First Communion? Classes will take place in the month of August and are scheduled to meet the needs of all participants. For more information, please see Sarah Huiest [crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com).

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**July's Mission of the Month is Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar,** "a nonprofit organization that strives to improve lives by giving young people access to education, support and resources that may be otherwise unavailable." Their mission is, "to provide specialized programs, mentoring, professional guidance, and academic and financial support for qualifying high school students in the Capital Region. By assembling a network of business leaders, educational advocates, and dedicated volunteers, promising youth are provided opportunity and access to higher education that may be otherwise unavailable."

To support Sponsor-A-Scholar, you may make a donation through your yellow July “Mission of the Month” offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with “Sponsor-A-Scholar” on the memo line, or directly through their website: <https://crsas.org/donate/>

**Nursery Provider Needed!** We are seeking an individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**May 22 thru September 4, 2022  
9 AM**

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

**During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:**

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

## **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://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656



### Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Hosea 1:2-10

Tuesday - Psalm 85

Wednesday - Genesis 18:20-32

Thursday - Psalm 138

Friday - Colossians 2:6-19

Saturday - Luke 11:1-13

Sunday Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

God, we have too many things to do today!

Help us to see you in everything we do,  
in everything we say. Help us to take a deep breath  
and to remember that the Holy Spirit is inside us, with us, around us.

Help us to pause and drink a glass of water,  
and to remember our baptism,  
and the covenant you have established, making us your children.

Help us to study your Word, and not to think just of the past,  
but also of how you act in the present.

And help us to work for and with our brothers and sisters,  
giving kindness, sharing hope, and living out the faith you have given us.

Amen.



## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Today, O Lord, we have sat at your feet.  
and listened to your words.

We have been empowered by your teachings.  
What should we do with all this life that you have provided?  
We will go out into the world, after a restful night,  
and serve, and smile, and love,  
and work, and play, and forgive, and shout out, and sing,  
doing everything in your name! Amen

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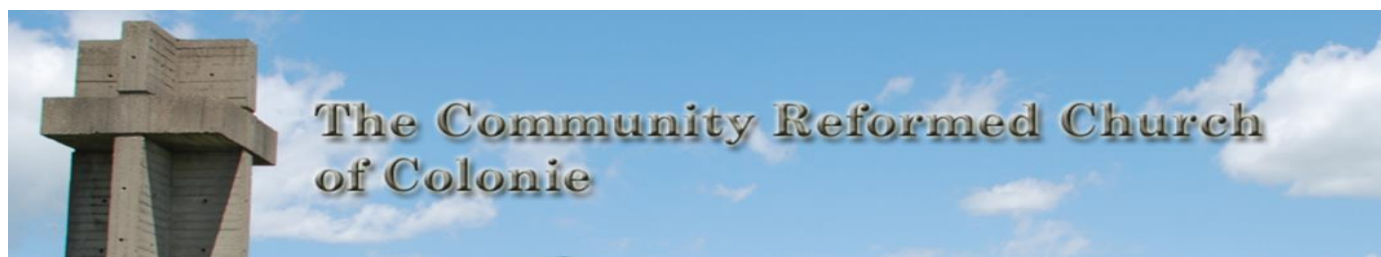
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