



Sixth Sunday after the
Epiphany
February 16, 2025
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

“I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness.
I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too.
I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens,
I think that it will all come out right.
In the meantime, I must uphold my ideals,
for perhaps the time will come when I shall be able to carry them out.”

Anne Frank, *“The Diary of Anne Frank”*

PRELUDE “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Empty Me”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before you in worship, our life source and our sustainer.
Praise be to you, O God. You hold us and the world in your hands.

We worship and adore you, our hope throughout the years and generations.
Praise be to you, O God. You are eternally to be trusted.

We honor and serve you, O God. Your way is revealed by the prophets and made clear in Jesus.
Praise be to you, O God. Your justice never fails, your compassion never ends, your love goes beyond our understanding.

We come before you in worship, O God, with honor and glory and blessing for you alone can save us and our world.
Praise be to you, O God. You alone are sovereign, and you alone are our salvation. Praise be to you, O God!



* HYMN "Wade in the Water"

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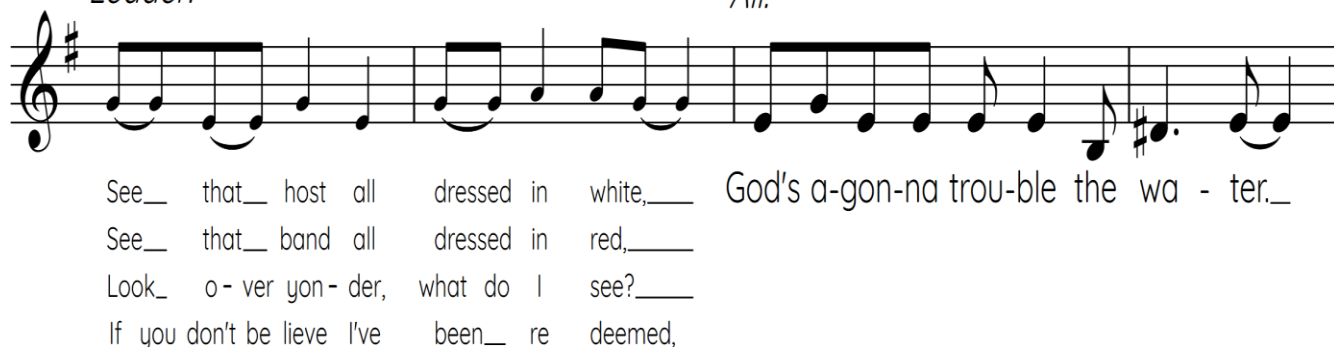


End after final verse.



Leader:

All:



Leader:

All:



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord and on God's law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified”

*In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, it is hard to forgive people when they hurt us, our friends, or our neighbors. We want to strike back, to lash out, and sometimes we do. But you teach us to love our enemies no matter what they do. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, when we do not forgive others and speak badly about them. Forgive us and help us to understand why they hurt others so that your love, dwelling in our hearts, may bring us to love and compassion for all. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me” (3 times)

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS and CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

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 “What a Beautiful Name”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the

prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Good News – Bad News"

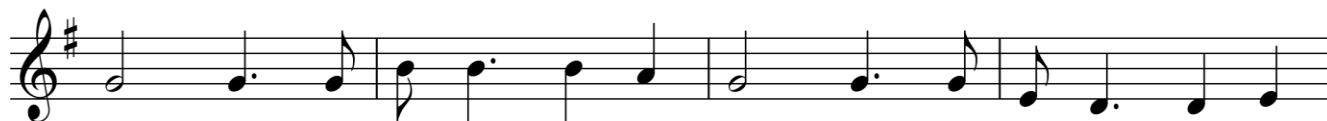
*HYMN "I've Got Peace Like a River"



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got
 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got
 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, I've got



peace like a riv - er in my soul. _____ I've got
 joy like a foun-tain in my soul. _____ I've got
 love like an o - cean in my soul. _____ I've got



peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got
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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 “Soon and Very Soon”

WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader
Rev. Robert Hoffman

Elder of the Day
Ana Crosbourne

Deacon of the Day
Kevin Ingalls

Liturgist
Beth Colbert

Children’s Message
Sarah Huiest

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Kevin Ingalls

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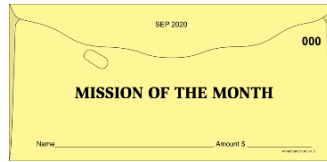
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BLESSED ARE...
OF MOURN COMFORTED OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE
FOR THEY WILL BE MERCIFUL WILL BE SHOWN MERCY PURE THEY WILL SEED FILLED HEART THEY GOD