



The Sixth Sunday of Easter Consecration Sunday

May 22, 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

"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."

~ Winston Churchill

PRELUDE “Brother James’ Air”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Coté

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe...

... in God who created us, Jesus Christ who saves us, and the Holy Spirit who fills us.

We believe...

... that God has spoken and speaks, that God acted and acts, that God watches over and is nearby.

We believe...

... that God is in charge and our greatest purpose is to give God glory in how we work and act and give and play and love and worship.

We believe...

... that we are partners with Jesus Christ in doing God’s work in this world.

We believe...

... that by the power of God’s Spirit, God will grant us courage to do God’s work.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN “Gather Us In”

*Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING**

Gracious God, throughout this day help us to remember that a very real portion of your Kingdom has been placed in our keeping. Therefore, teach us to love you:

With all our hearts...

That we may love those whom you love, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult, your own everlasting mercy and compassion;

With all our souls...

That we may seek fresh ways in which your divine power may surge through our commonplace routines from morning till night;

With all our strength...

That our hands may work the works of God who sent us, that our energy may be poured out for the needs of your family, until all we own or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness; and,

With all our minds...

That we may think your thoughts from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing you first, that your Kingdom may come through our sharing, our caring, our daring... for your name's sake.

Amen.

***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.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. We saddle relationships with unrealistic and unfair expectations.

Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, sharing from our abundance. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 "It is Well"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

THE MORNING MESSAGE "It's Not Supposed to Hurt There!"

THE CONSECRATION OF OUR GIFTS

LITANY OF CONSECRATION

The world began, God created.

God created humanity to share in God's own bounty and blessing.

We join thankful praise today to the Giver of all things.

God has shared with all humankind and has challenged people to respond.

We come returning to God a part of what has been given to us.

We bring fruits and our labors in response to God's great gifts.

As we offer our Giving Cards, we pray that will be acceptable in God's sight.

As we bring the offering of our lives, we recommit ourselves to God's purpose and kingdom.

Our Giving Cards are pledges to the work of Christ.

Food for the hungry, clothing for the naked, hope for the discouraged.

And funds to keep the door of service of our congregation open to our community.

To all these things, and more, we commit our offering and love to God. Amen.

***HYMN "We Are Called"**

***Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God***

***Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God***

*Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love (united in love)
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God*

***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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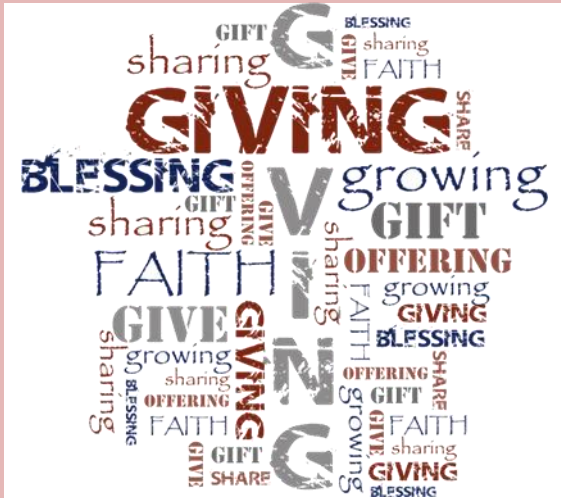
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GENERAL NOTICES

Tuesday, May 24

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 26

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Friday, May 27

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

Children's Worship and Sunday School - There is no children's worship starting today, May 22 and during the summer.

There will be no Sunday school today, May 22. We hope to have a full program reopening in the fall.

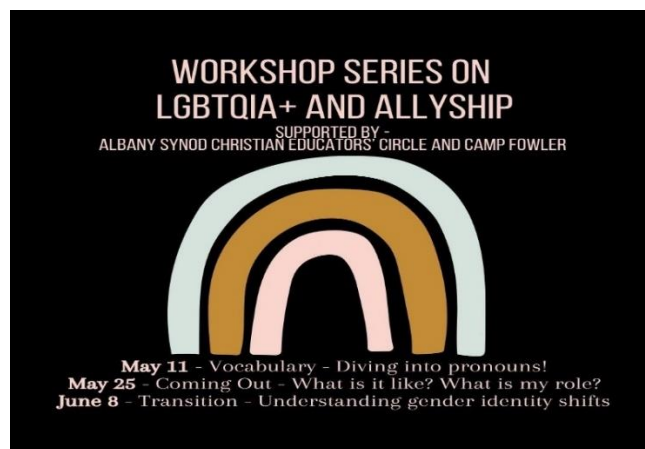
Camp Fowler – It's not too early to plan for summer 2022. If any children are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, there are scholarships available. Contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239 for further information.



Stewardship Materials

For those worshipping in the outdoors, during the meditation, please come forward as a family to place your giving cards in the basket on the table and to receive the words of consecration.

For those worshipping at home, please return your giving cards to the church in the envelope that was enclosed with the Consecration Sunday mailing.



Throughout these workshops we will exercise Christ's call for hospitality, and welcoming all of God's people to the table. This goal aims to encourage understanding, empathy, and wondering between all our siblings in Christ - truly an embodiment of hospitality.

The workshops will be:

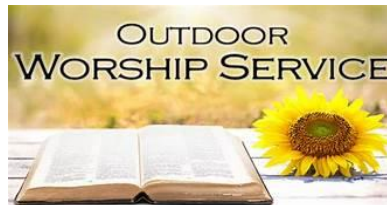
Every other Wednesday Night, at 7 pm over Zoom.
They will span 1.5 hours and will have a presenter from Room for All leading, Mitchel Leet.

If you are interested in joining this workshop series, or simply one or two of the workshops, please contact: Abby Norton-Levering nortonlevering@gmail.com

The May Mission of the Month is The Samaritan Counseling Center. As their web site concisely states, “We aim to enhance the lives of our clients by focusing holistically on their mind, body and spirit, highlighting unique strengths, and supporting relationships.” Samaritan Counseling Center offers individual, couple, family, and pre-marital counseling. Since 1949, May has been Mental Health Awareness Month. Even though it is the 74th year, stigma, prejudice, and shame continue to abound in communities and families regarding issues of mental health. We need to do better. Emotional and behavioral issues can affect individuals of any age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status. Unfortunately, education, awareness, and resources are not equitably accessible. Peer or family pressure, finances, and availability of professionals are just a few issues that hinder care.

Supporting Samaritan Counseling Center is only one small way we can improve the lives of our family, friends, and community. Please consider donating via your yellow “**Mission of the Month**” offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with “**Samaritan Counseling Center**” in the memo, or directly through the donate button on their website: samaritancounselingcenter.org.

To learn more about Mental Health Awareness Month, you can visit: <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>



**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.

Nursery Provider Needed! We have been blessed to have Emma York take care of our youngest parishioners this year. She has been a ray of sunshine during a challenging year. Next year will see exciting changes for Emma, as she heads off to college. We are, therefore, seeking a new 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.

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 in Devotions and 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

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Acts 16:16-24
Tuesday - Acts 16:25-34
Wednesday - Psalm 97
Thursday - Ascension Day; Acts 1:1-11
Friday - Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Saturday - John 17:20-26
Sunday - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God,
we thank you for bringing us through the night
and for making this new day.
You send us out rested and uplifted by your presence.
Wherever we go,
whatever our work today,
whomever we meet,
help us to greet our tasks and our leisure with joy.
We give you thanks, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Wondrous Lord,
we marvel that this day has ended,
filled with marks of your love even in moments of strife.
Now give us rest.
Comfort those who have no bed this night,
and keep them safe.
We bow our heads in gratitude
for food, work, friends, family, challenges, and accomplishments.
We pray this in the name of the One
who watches over us day and night. Amen.



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