



**The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 6, 2024
Worship – 10:00 AM**

World Wide Communion Sunday

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.

Today we are celebrating Communion. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders before the service. In the celebration of Communion, all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table. Please hold the elements until all have received them that we may commune together.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“Children of God, bring it to the altar and come as you are.
Bring your whole selves, your whole week, your sorrows and your joys.
Don’t hide that which preoccupies you. Don’t ignore that which burdens.
Bring your whole self to the altar: your work and your responsibilities,
your victories and your triumphs.
God desires that you enter here with fullness of heart.
Bring your stories of salvation and sadness.
Come and give them to the Lord.”

Katie Roelofs, “Worship for Workers Project”

PRELUDE “In Christ There is No East or West”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Make Me A Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us eagerly tell about all that God has done for us.

We come into God’s presence giving thanks and praise. We offer our gifts of song and the fruits of our endeavors.

The Lord is a great God who rules over all people, nations, kingdoms, and creation itself.

To God belongs the depths of the earth and the height of the heavens. God called them into being and sustains them with compassion and understanding.

God is sovereign over us and our lives, giving wisdom and guidance, showing love and mercy.

We bow ourselves before God in humility honoring all that God has done for us and for everything God has given us.

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us kneel before God, our creator, giving thanks and praise.

We come into God's presence giving thanks and praise. We offer our gifts of song and the fruits of our endeavors.

* HYMN "All Who Hunger"



All who hun-ger, gath-er__ glad - ly;__ ho - ly__ man-na is our bread.
All who hun-ger, nev - er__ strang-ers;__ seek - er,__ be a wel-come guest.
All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er;__ Je - sus_Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and_ wan - d'ring. Here, in__ truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and_ roam-ing. Here, in__ joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and_ long - ing. Here, in__ peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of__ full - ness, all a-round us is our__ food.
We that once were lost and_ scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this__ ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



Taste and_ see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and_ see that God is good!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.”***

Let us take a few moments in silence to reflect on our work and activities this week. Think about the work God sends you to do each day. Where were the moments when you saw or experienced brokenness and sin? (Time of silent reflection)

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.”***

Where have you participated in that brokenness and sin either actively or passively? (Time of silent reflection)

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.”***

Where do you long to see God’s kingdom come and God’s will done in your workplace and involvements as it is in heaven? (Time of silent reflection)

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.”***

God, our Creator, Jesus, our Redeemer, Spirit, our Breath and Life, we offer up to you our confession, lament, and repentance. Our daily work and activities can sometimes be hard and painful. We have moments when we feel despair, boredom, exhaustion, overwhelming stress, and fear. Our interactions with colleagues, friends, and acquaintances can be threatening and challenging or life giving and fruitful, and we never know which it will be.

Loving God, we lament all that is broken in our work and in your world. We confess our own participation in the brokenness. We long for your healing and generous work of peace. As we offer our prayers of lament and confession, please work among us, now and always, to bring us new life and new hope. Amen

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

“Blessed 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 whose 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 that 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.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

ANTHEM “I Believe, Help My Unbelief”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 7:12-20

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE - “Our Work Done For God”

(As you wish, please come forward to place a stone or marble in the bowls that feels relevant to your work and activity of the week)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

*The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us,
binding us in one, as we share him together.*

This is something we do eagerly.

Christ welcomes us here.

This is something we do seriously.

*For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take
The symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.*

This is something we do together.

*I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the presence
of the Lord”.*

*PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15).
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE

*HYMN "Holy Lord"



THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.

Yet we rebelled against your will.

In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant.

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion.

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

We beheld His glory.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His followers and beaten.

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, He was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.

Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper in true and unconditional love.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE



For around this table, you will find your family.



And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.



For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the broken are molded into a Beloved Community.



Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!__ Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!__



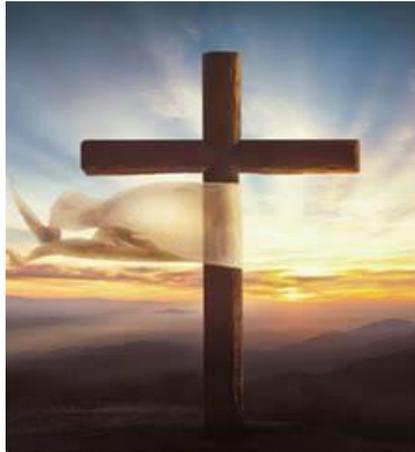
Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!_____

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



Glo - ry be to Al might - y God, and glo - ry be to the Son, _____



Glo - ry be to the Spir - it, _____ e - ter - nal three in one! _____ We



praise your name, we bless your name, we glo - ri - fy your name!



Hope_ with - out end, love_ with - out end World with - out



end, oh Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est!

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN "The Lord's Prayer"

*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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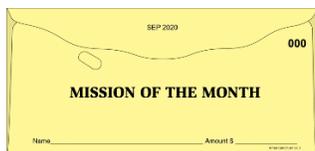
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