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|  | **The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  October 24, 2021 | |  |
| Order of Worship  10:00 am | | | |
| **🞻** - 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**  A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.  ~ [Colin Powell](https://www.azquotes.com/author/11823-Colin_Powell) | | | |
| **PRELUDE** “Agnus Dei” | | | |
| **WELCOME** | | | |
| **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** | | | |
| **INTROIT** “Come & Find the Quiet Center” | | | |
| **CALL TO WORSHIP**  God of restoration,  in our blindness and ignorance,  ***you open our eyes and lead us to truth;***  in our arrogance and defiance,  ***you still our souls and teach us humility;***  in our weakness and displacement,  ***you protect us and lead us home.***  While we deserve only judgment  and the heavy burden of restitution,  ***you offer us grace,***  ***and the hope of life renewed.***  And so we praise you and thank you,  with all our hearts.  ***Amen.*** | | | |
| **HYMN** “How Firm a Foundation”  ***1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***  ***2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.***  ***3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.***  ***4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.***  ***5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"*** | | | |
| **THE DEDICATION OF THE SOUND BOOTH**  **In Memory of Earl Chamberlain**  Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,  ***To you we dedicate this renovation.***  Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father in heaven, Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son: given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter; Lord and Giver of Life,  ***To you we dedicate this renovation in memory of Earl Chamberlain.***  And now, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we set apart this Sound Booth to the glory of God. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. | | | |
| **TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Sing, Praise & Bless the Lord” (3 times)  ***Sing, praise and bless the Lord.***  ***Sing, praise and bless the Lord.***  ***Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!*** | | | |
| **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  In the noise of voices  calling for revenge and restitution,  for judgment and punishment,  ***we pray for the courage to speak out***  ***for restoration.***  When pain, poverty and persecution  leave people blind to grace and compassion,  ***we pray for the courage to carry the light of love and forgiveness.***  Where the quest to even the score  has left our world angry and wounded,  ***we pray for the courage to release our grievances and seek wholeness for all.***  As you intercede for us, Jesus,  ***we intercede for our world that all may know the Good News of restoration in Christ.***  ***Amen.*** | | | |
| **TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Holy Spirit Come to Us” (3 times)  ***Holy Spirit, come to us,***  ***Kindle in us the fire of your love***  ***Holy Spirit, come to us,***  ***Holy Spirit, come to us*** | | | |
| **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS -** from Isaiah 40:29, 31 (adapted) | | | |
| **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE –** Mark Kaercher | | | |
| **DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD –** Marv Helf | | | |
| **ANTHEM***“*Your Love Endures Forever” | | | |
| **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 10:46-52  They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. | | | |
| **THE MORNING MESSAGE** “Lord, Have Mercy” | | | |
| **HYMN** “Blest are They”   1. ***Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.  Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!***   ***2. Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.***  ***3. Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!  4. Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.  5. Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God; shine for all to see.*** | | | |
| **ELDER’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE –** Linda Murphy | | | |
| **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.*** | | | |
| **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | | | |
| **BENEDICTION** | | | |
| **The Irish Blessing** | | | |
| Minister of Word and Sacrament  **Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell**  Director of Music Ministries  **Benjamin April**  Soloist  **Brian Rhode**  Choir Member  **Kevin Ingalls**  Elder of the Day  **Linda Murphy**  Deacon of the Day  **Marv Helf**  Children’s Message  **Mark Kaercher**  Sound Technician  **Jerry Kallner**  Video Technician  **Addison York** | | | |
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| **GENERAL NOTICES** | | | |
| **Today, Sunday School** for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am. | | | |
| **Monday, October 25**  **Community Reformed’s Quilt Group** will meet 5:30-8:00 PM to construct walker bags and lap quilts for the residents of Shaker Place Nursing Home. Our meeting will include time for preparing and sewing the items and will conclude with devotions. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one, thread, and any fabric you have appropriate for the project. Measuring and cutting tools will be provided. Even if you have no sewing experience, or you do not have a sewing machine, please feel welcome to come and help. For more information, contact Lou Ann @ [louannconne@nycap.rr.com](mailto:louannconne@nycap.rr.com). | | | |
| **Tuesday, October 26**  **The Gathering Zoom Devotions** - 4 to 4:30 pm  **Book Group** -It will meet at the home of Jody Benetez. The Book is “Let Him Go” by Larry Watson. For Jody’s address or further information contact, Karen Reynolds at [kreynolds150@gmail.com](mailto:kreynolds150@gmail.com). | | | |
| **Wednesday, October 27**  "Men Building with Logos - Please join us for dinner and fellowship on Wednesday, October 27th at 6PM. We hope you are able to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Kaercher @ [markkaercher1971@gmail.com](mailto:markkaercher1971@gmail.com) | | | |
| **Thursday, October 28**  **The Gathering Zoom Devotions** – 6:30 to 7 pm  **The Wired Word Bible Study** – 7:00-8:00pm | | | |
| **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  **10 AM**  .  On this special Sunday, we remember  “all the saints from whom their labors rest”.  Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles we honor those who we dearly love and will never forget.  For those of you who will attending on Zoom, we encourage you to light a candle for your honoree during the time of quiet remembrance. | | | |
| **October's Mission of the Month** is the cafe and cupboard at [South End Children's Cafe](https://www.facebook.com/sechildrenscafe/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWaH5-blZAGMZXYOaVOshVEywHIv_N_AEV7Vi_3wVTsnU56F3Q9RS90S53Awk-aYgqE00UdF7gNDYUPcIulbU9H4Z-bl4abR9rIWCp_YE7HmPDPLQvtQeNKzr_aWv1bVnYmdMrKL6szHxEK7_wdLGBPXxi5bR3D2R7ZMbFf00jPK0Kf4jqtEqxZjWWOPSmO5II&__tn__=kK*F)! Here's a glimpse of where your donations can go:  **$25 – One Bag of Love** – bag of staple groceries, produce and toiletries for 1 week for a family of five  **$50 – One Community Cupboard Restock** – we have two Community Cupboards outside the Children’s Card (visited 50-100 times a day!) to share nonperishable good, groceries, produce and other essentials with our neighbors  **$100 – Two Community Cupboard Restocks** – restock both cupboards with free essential groceries and healthy food  **$300 – Fresh fruit for one month** – fresh fruit salad is served to each child every day  **$600 – One child’s meal for one year** – includes school snack and dinner | | | |
| **Community Reformed’s Youth Group**  The church's youth group is collecting great to new quality children's books for Grassroot Givers now through the end of October. Book donations can be given to Sarah Huiest or placed in the collection bin at the back of the church. | | | |
| **Sunday School Teacher -** We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest ([crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com)). | | | |
| **ZOOM**  To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and SundayWorship via Zoom,  use the link below:  [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155)Meeting ID: 688 088 7155  By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 | | | |
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