

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

October 1, 2023
10:00 am

Sanctuary Worship



Order of Service

* - 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

Prayer is the risen Jesus coming in with His resurrection power, given free rein in our lives, and then using His authority to enter any situation and change things.

~ Ole Hallesby

PRELUDE "Give Thanks"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Lou Ann Connelly

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbroune

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all those who live in it.

God has founded it and established it that we may know God and worship God.

But who can approach God? Who can come into God’s holy presence?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not embrace what is false or speak deceitfully.

Truly they will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Today, we come to worship in God’s presence, to honor and glorify God, and to listen for God’s word to us.

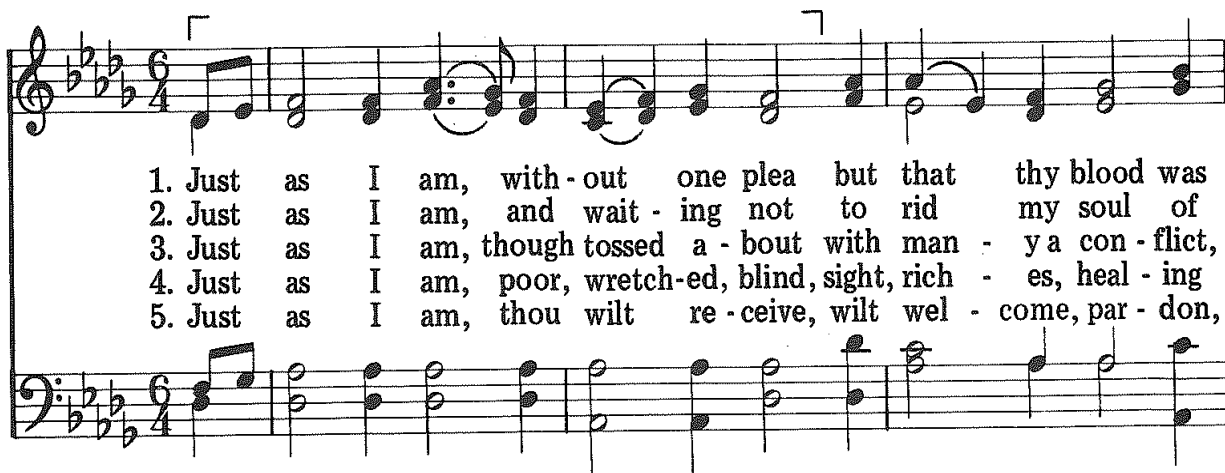
Come, then, let us draw near to God as God has drawn us near through faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

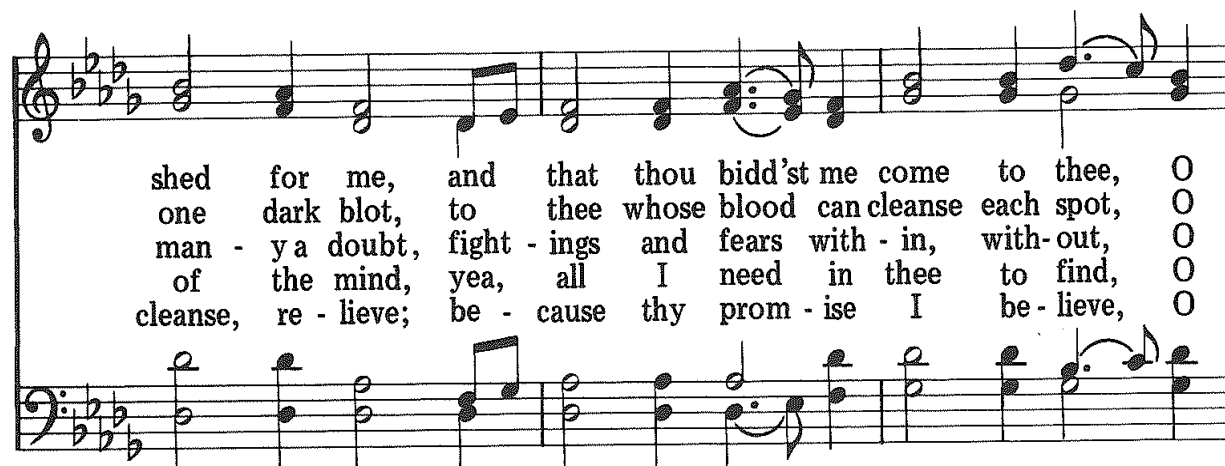


Just As I Am, without One Plea 445

Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Jn. 6:37



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy blood was
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind, sight, rich - es, heal - ing
 5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O

Coda (after Verse 5)



Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 Lamb of God, I come! I come! O Lamb of God, I come.

WORDS: Charlotte Elliott, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1849

WOODWORTH
 L.M.Coda

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Righteous God,
We confess that we have not lived as
your obedient children.
We have honored you with our words,
but we have denied you with our actions.
We have not pursued the mind of Christ,
who took the form of a servant,
for we have acted with selfish ambition.
We have put our interests before the
interests of others
and have not regarded them in humility.
Forgive us our arrogance,
awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,
and enable us to will and to work for
your good pleasure,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Here the good news:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, believe that you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

ANTHEM “I believe, Help My Unbelief

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Doing the Will of the Father”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

*** *An Affirmation of Unity from the Belhar Confession***

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.

Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. Amen

***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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

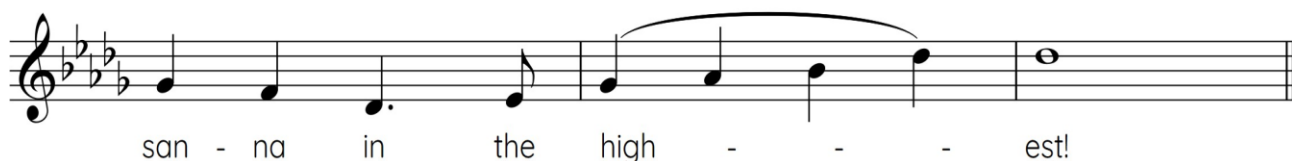
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE



HYMN "Holy Lord"



THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

“Our Savior, Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his holy family: his church. Christ instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood.

Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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:



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



COMMUNION

(Anyone wishing to receive gluten free bread,
please inform the elder or signal the pastor.)

Is not the bread that we break a sharing of the body of Christ?
We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus
Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

AMEN

Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

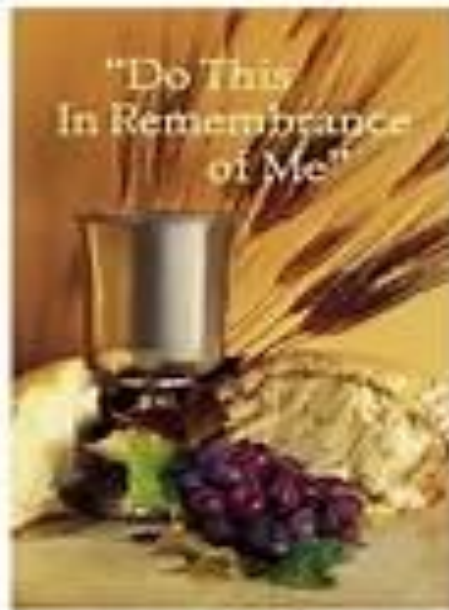
The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

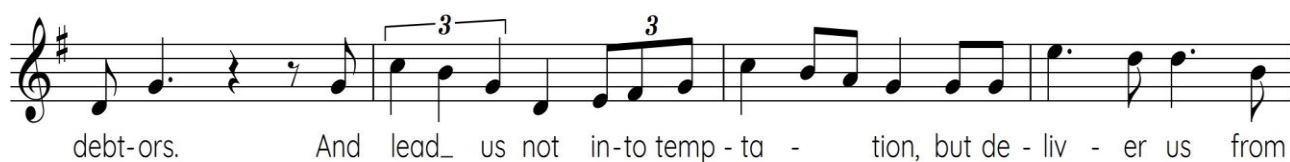
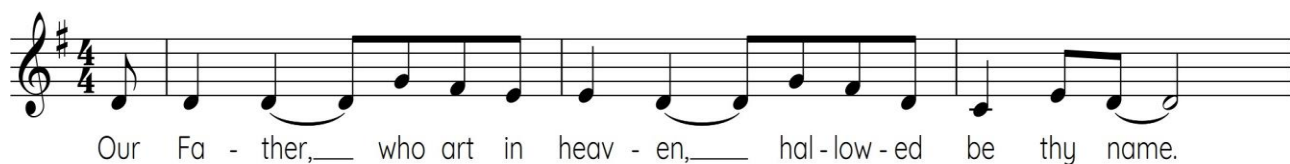
AMEN

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of his resurrection, in the hope of his coming again, we present ourselves a living sacrifice having been at the table of our Lord. Grant, O Lord, 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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The Lord's Prayer

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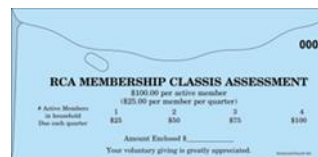
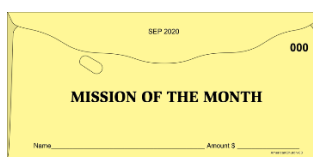
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The special offering envelopes for October.

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crcclori@gmail.com.



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

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