



Feed My Sheep
by Nicolette Peñaranda
Inspired by John 21:1-19

Here's my heart.
Here are the things I care about so deeply.
And you—someone who makes mistakes,
doesn't follow directions, and sometimes
even betrays me—you are so loved and
trusted enough to keep this good work
going even after I'm gone.

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
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.

This is Communion Sunday. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, please inform the elder or the pastor before the Service begins.

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“O use me, Lord,
use even me, just as Thou wilt and when and where;
until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.”

(verse 4 of “Lord, Speak to Me” words by Frances Ridley Havergal)

PRELUDE “In the Garden”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout Lent, we have heard Jesus say such things like:
“Follow me,” “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid,” “Forgive seventy times seven,”

In response, we have gotten out of the boat and journeyed with Jesus. We have reached out in our fears and found comfort. We have taken a deep breath and obediently extended grace and forgiveness to another beyond what we would have normally done.

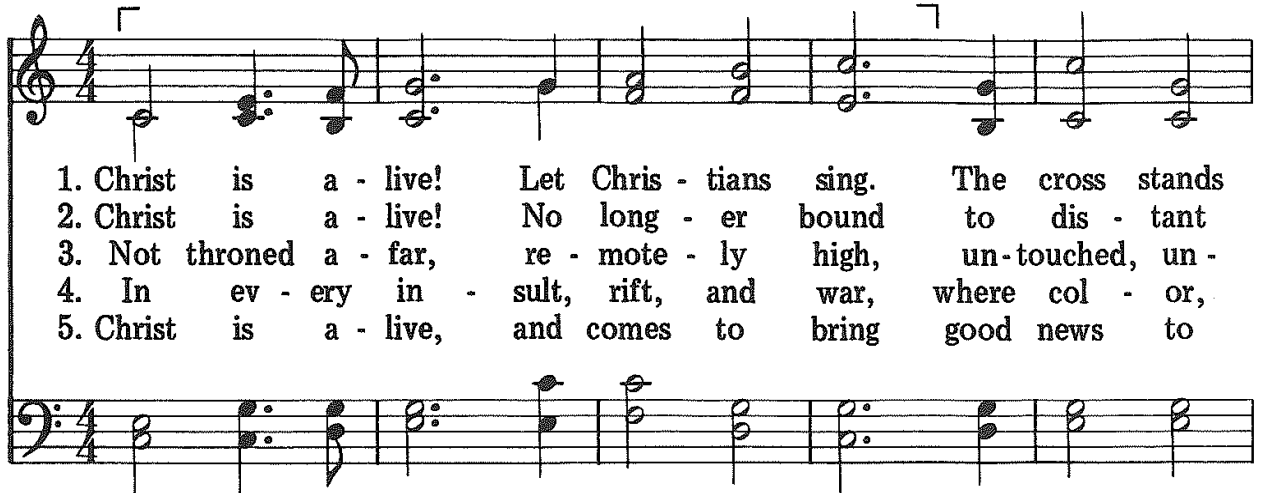
Today, Jesus invites us to feed, tend, and care for one another in a new and living way.

And we say, “Yes!” Lord, take our hearts and seal them for your purposes in our world.

Let us worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and being.

Christ Is Alive! 243

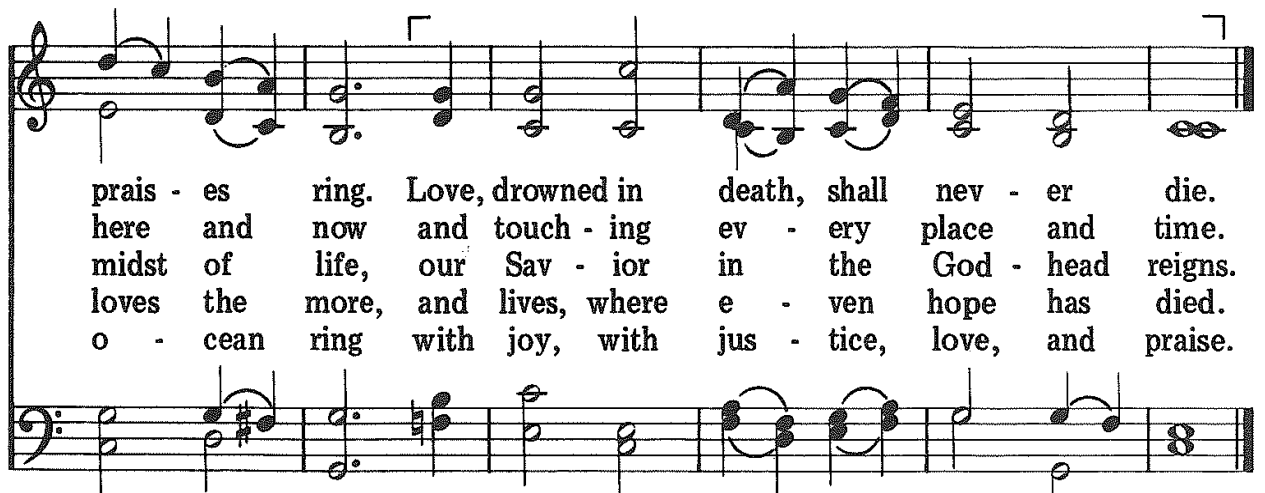
"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 scorn or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and then are surprised by the generous abundance. We profess our faith and deny it time and again. We run to discover the empty tomb and leave in silent sorrow.

Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart.

Forgive our surprise, our denial, our limited imagination, and our weak resignation. Call us out of the boat once more and into service for you. We truly want to be one with you and so with humble hearts we pray. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv

ANTHEM “Our Joy That Has No End”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the

kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE *Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter*
"Here's My Heart, Lord"

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.*

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

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

*I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day
He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the
right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body and the life everlasting. 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.

*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.

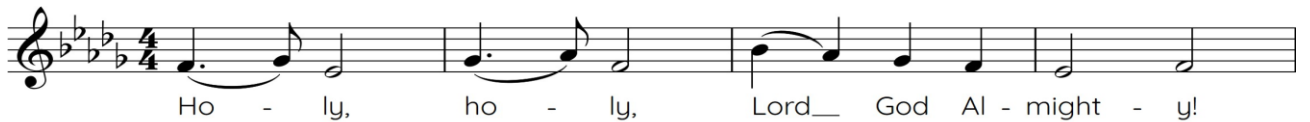
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

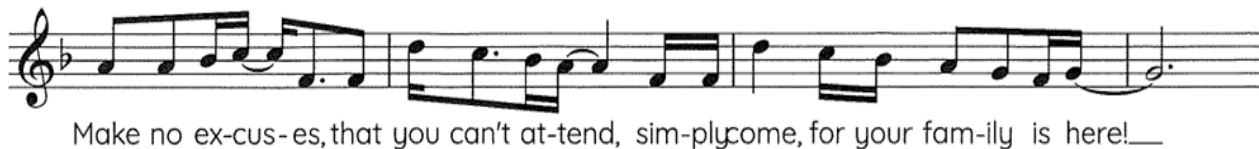
He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

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.

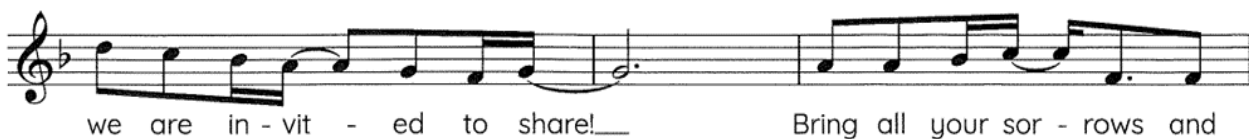
INVITATION TO THE TABLE



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

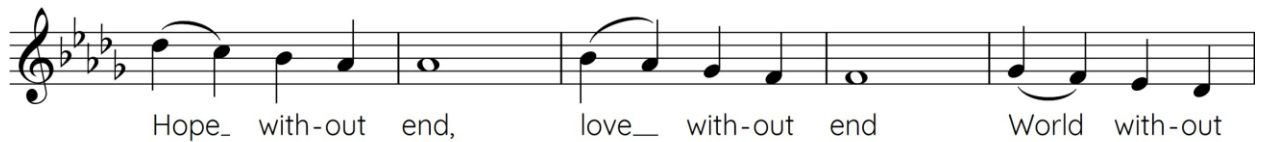
Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:



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



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



COMMUNION

AMEN

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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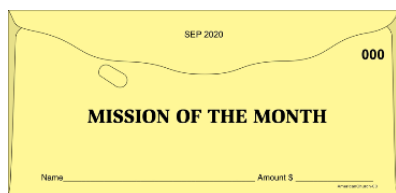
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