



October 31, 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

"Where you go, I will go...
Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

~ Ruth 1:16

PRELUDE "Believer's Prayer"

WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The worst storms, Jesus, are the ones caused
by our fear,

*when we grow afraid of losing our power,
or we grow suspicious of the power of others,
when we refuse to acknowledge your mysterious authority;*

Yet, it's in the storm that we find our capacity to love.

*In releasing our weak claim to power
and opening to your reign,
we discover a new way of seeing ourselves –
as called and useful and beloved –
and the other, whoever they may be –
as dignified and precious and beloved.*

Here in the storm, Jesus, we need you, and we need each other,
and the love you give us to share.

*That love leads us through sacrifice and self-giving
to peace and calm,
if only we will loose our hold on fear.
Amen.*

HYMN “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

*1 Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O draw my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I am;
be thou alone my constant flame.*

*2 O, grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O, may thy love possess me whole,*

*my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
my every act, word, thought, be love.*

*3 In suffering be thy love my peace,
in weakness be thy love my power;
and when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
be thou my rod and staff and guide,
and draw me safely to thy side!*

RESPONSIVE READING

Can it be that easy, Jesus?

Can it be that hard?

*That what You want for us is just to love
and be loved?*

Is it possible that even those who have tried the hardest,
signed on the dotted line,
sat for years in classes
and strained their eyes from reading,

*dressed in all the most appropriate garments,
and spoken with only the most measured words...
that these can miss You?*

How can it be when those who have hardly tried at all,
who have damaged themselves and others so much,

*that in the end they have nowhere else to turn
but to throw themselves on Your grace...
that these are the ones You search out?*

How do we make sense of this, Jesus?

How do we love so scandalously, so inclusively?

How do we allow ourselves to be loved enough,

*that all our hard and sharp edges
grow soft and round?*

Help us to find the humility and courage,
the boldness and grace,

***that in our loving and being loved,
we may somehow ignite our world with a compassion so
fierce***

that violence and abuse,
rejection and condemnation,
neglect and greed
become unthinkable.

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Lord is My Light” (3 times)

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences.

***We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when
our forbears did not follow your will that all be one in the
truth of the Gospel.***

We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past.

***As communities and as individuals, we build many walls
around us:***

mental, spiritual, physical, political walls

that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord.

Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

***He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who
gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings.***

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation

***and we are strengthened for a faithful and common witness
in our time. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me” (3 times)

***Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS - Romans 3:23-24

As the apostle Paul reminds us, "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are justified by faith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Jerry Kallner

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

ANTHEM "My Refuge"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait

until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “When Evening Falls So Hard”

SONG “Bridge Over Troubled Water”

*1: When you're weary
Feeling small
When tears are in your eyes
I'll dry them all
I'm on your side
Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found*

*Refrain:
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down*

*2: When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
Oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all around*

Refrain

*3: Sail on silver girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine
Oh, if you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind*

Refrain

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE – Ana Crosbourne

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

May the living Christ go with you
Before you to show you the way
Behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you
Above you to watch over you
And within you to give you peace. Amen.

The Irish Blessing

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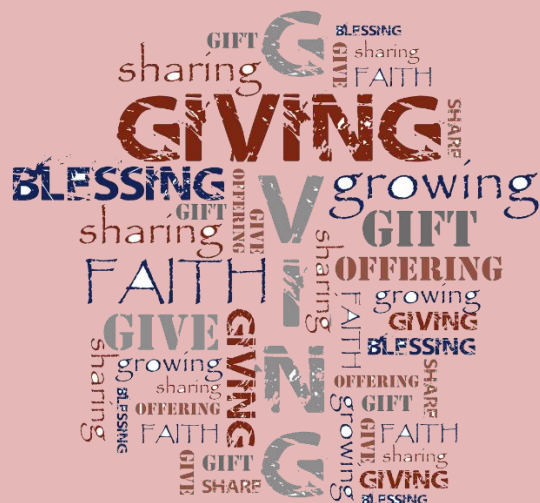
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Tuesday, November 2
The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 4
The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study – 7:00-8:00pm

Women's Bible Study - will meet on November 13th, this month - NOT November 6th. All are welcome to attend at 9:30 at the church or via Zoom.



**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 be 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!](#) 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).

ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Ruth 1:1-18
Tuesday - Deuteronomy 6: 1-9
Wednesday - Psalm 119:1-8
Thursday All Saints Day; - Solomon 3:1-9
Friday Hebrews - 9:11-14
Saturday - Mark 12:28-34
Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, help me to follow after your ways
as I go throughout my day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, thank you for keeping me covered throughout the day.
Grant me peace and rest in your safety.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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