

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024

Order of Service – 9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

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.

CONTEMPLATION

Dear Child of God,
you are loved with a love that nothing can shake,
a love that loved you long before you were created, a love that will be there
long after everything has disappeared....
And God wants you to be like God. Filled with life and goodness and
laughter—and joy.
—Desmond Tutu

PRELUDE “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER QUILT - We have a prayer quilt out this morning for Lauren, Nancy Baker’s niece. Lauren recently had a procedure and we pray for her continued healing. After worship, please come forward, tie a knot on the quilt and say a prayer for Lauren.

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt God’s name together.

* HYMN 563 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

Refrain

want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. In my heart, in my
 want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
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 want to be like Je - sus in my heart. In my heart,

heart, Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Irregular

CONFESSION OF FAITH

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Blessing and Praise” (3 times)

*Blessing and praise be given,
Blessing and praise be given
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,
Comes in the name of the Lord.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God,
we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children
We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges
against our adversaries.
We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share
our bounty with the needy.
We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness
but have indulged in evil gossip.
We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done,
even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ.*

*Heal us, O God,
And give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us.
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.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger
and wrangling and slander,
together with all malice,
and be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.
Thanks be to God.

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW – (Romans 3)

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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.

ANTHEM “Oceans”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Finding Hope Through Faith”

HYMN "I've Got Peace Like A River"



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got
 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got
 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, I've got



peace like a riv - er in my soul. _____ I've got
 joy like a foun-tain in my soul. _____ I've got
 love like an o - cean in my soul. _____ I've got



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*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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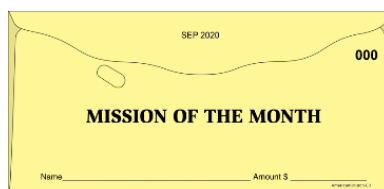
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ZOOM

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makes all things work