



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 19, 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

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith.

- Watchman Nee

PRELUDE "What Joy"

WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come, Find the Quiet Center”

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the Great God;
deserving of all devotion
yet you devote yourself to us,
deserving of all honor,
yet you honor us with your grace and presence,
deserving of all service,
yet you have taken on a servant’s nature for our sakes.

You are the Great God;
pure and peace-loving and gentle,
seeking us out when we get lost
in evil and strife and violence;
humble and wise and generous,
rescuing us from our own
arrogance and folly and selfishness.

You are the Great God;
in whose serving, peace-making, sacrificial image
we are created.
And we praise you.

HYMN “Baptized in Water”

***1 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.***

***2 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising,***

*freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*3 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Orson Lee Williamson
Child of Jonathan and Danielle Williamson

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 28:18-20, John 1:12-13

THE PROMISE

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to this covenant people. In baptism God promises by grace alone:

*To forgive our sins;
To adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;
To send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;
And to resurrect us to eternal life.*

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

(Water is poured into the font at this time)

Water cleanses... purifies... refreshes... sustains...

Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

*To love and trust God completely;
To forsake the evil of the world; and
To live a new and holy life.*

Yet, when we fall into sin we must not despair of God's mercy, nor continue in sin, for baptism is the sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***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 was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (universal) Church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for the gift of water.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

DECLARATION, BLESSING AND WELCOME

Let us welcome our new brother in Christ.

***Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us
as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are
all one in Jesus Christ. Alleluia.***

SING, PRAISE AND BLESS THE LORD (3 times)

*Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When it comes to serving,
we all choose who it will be, Jesus;

Some people are easy to serve:

*those we love,
those who love us,
those who are like us,
those who show us their appreciation.*

But, others make serving really hard:

*those we dislike and fear,
those who attack or fear us,
those who are different.
those who seem to just take and give nothing back.*

But, in all of our picking and choosing,
you ask a very difficult thing of us, Jesus –
you ask us to be servants of all.

How are we to do this?

*How do we serve the weak, the poor, the neglected,
and the strong, the wealthy, the pampered?
How do we serve the broken, the victims, the denied,
and the breaker, the perpetrator, the denier?
How do we possibly serve all?*

However it may be, Jesus,
keep us from using our fear or confusion
as an excuse not to serve;
and help us just to make serving
the most natural response we have to anyone.

*And may our service join with that of others,
to gently change our world into a place
where all serve
and all are served.
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

THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS

In person:
Stella Reynolds
Annabel Macomber
Darren Murphy

On Zoom:
Lila Rhode

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Vicki Lane

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jerry Kallner

HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness"

*1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."*

Refrain

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*2 You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;*

*and when they were blinded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.*

*3 You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.*

*4 You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Way It Works In Jesus World"

HYMN “Make Me a Servant” (2 times)

*Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up, those who are weak.
And may the pray'r of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant, today.*

ELDER’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE – Ellen Buono

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 FOURFOLD AMEN

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Minister of Word and Sacrament
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Tuesday, September 21

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4 to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, September 22

Men's Group will be meeting from 6-8PM at the church.

Thursday, September 23

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7 pm

"Shirley's Shawls" - the prayer shawl ministry of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 23rd in the gathering room. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to join us. Please contact Linda Murphy with any questions (518-368-8155).

Sunday, September 26 at 9:00 am

Sunday school will resume for children in **Grades 3-6 ONLY**.. Please see Sarah Huiest with questions.

Nursery Worker Position Available

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie is looking for a positive, friendly, caring, and responsible individual to care for children (newborn to age 4) during programs and worship on Sunday mornings.

Responsibilities:

Providing a safe environment for the children.
Changing diapers and feeding children as agreed upon with parents.
Keeping the nursery clean and organized.
Maintaining a visitor log.

Hours:

8:30-12:15, but may be reduced due to Covid-related program restrictions to 9:30-12:15.

Interested applicants may contact Sarah Huiest at crccsarah@gmail.com

JOIN BY ZOOM

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

**Prayer E-Chain**

Please email prayer requests to:

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Proverbs 31:10-31
Tuesday - Psalm 1
Wednesday - Jeremiah 11:18-20
Thursday - Psalm 54
Friday James - 3:13-4:3, 7-8
Saturday - Mark 9:30-37
Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

As I open my eyes,
I can see the heavens that tell of your glory.
Allow me to be part of this creation
that proclaims your handiwork
and your real presence in the world. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

As the day winds down,
allow me to find satisfaction in the thought
that I have taken my cross and followed you.

Allow me to find rest in the knowledge
that I did not act as if I was ashamed of you.

And if I failed you, forgive me
and allow me to find solace
in the new mercies of the morning. Amen

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