



*The Twentieth Sunday After  
Pentecost*



October 23, 2022

Order of Service  
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**

Pride makes us artificial, and humility makes us real.

~ Thomas Merton

**PRELUDE** "The Heart of Worship"

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

## THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## INTROIT “Sanctuary”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We always seem to be fumbling around,  
broken and ignorant humans that we are,  
***and we so often expect you to stride in  
strong and knowing,***  
and just sort us out,  
fix us,  
set us right.  
***But this is not what you do, is it, God?***

Instead of directing, controlling, ‘fixing’,  
you step into human experience,  
merge your divinity with flesh,  
and serve the least and the weakest;  
***you walk alongside us, stand with us,  
and teach us to find life in you  
to grow together with you,  
to participate in our own healing and salvation.***

It seems strange to use the word “humble”  
with reference to you, O God,  
***but it is the best description we have***  
of your gracious approach,  
your compassionate service,  
your selfless incarnation;  
***And so we praise you for your humility,  
and for the way you gently lead us  
into facing our brokenness,  
renouncing our self-righteousness,  
and embracing humility for ourselves. Amen.***

\* HYMN 381 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*1 Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, does provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.*

*2 All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrows grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear,  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*3 For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take his harvest home,  
from his field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.*

*4 Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to your final harvest home,  
gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in your presence to abide.  
Come, with all your angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.*

# THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Gabriel Braungard  
Finn Pickett

## 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.*

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teach us the courage, O God,  
*to turn from what seems so natural, so safe:*  
the way of grasping power,  
and befriending the powerful,  
*in the hope of protection and security.*

Teach us the humility, O God,  
*to turn from what is so enticing, so persuasive:*  
the way of accumulating things,  
and trusting in wealth,  
*in the hope of comfort and life*

Lead us, O God, in another way,  
*the way of true security, true wealth,  
the way of Christ, the servant,  
the way of weakness and simplicity.*

Lead us, O God, in another way,  
*the way of caring for the neglected,  
feeding the hungry,  
housing the homeless,  
protecting the threatened,  
and challenging the powerful,  
the foolish way of the Gospel,  
that brings salvation to all. Amen.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ” (3 times)

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

## THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

### DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

## 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 “Walk by Faith”

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## THE MORNING MESSAGE “That’s Okay”

**\*HYMN “Guide My Feet”**

*Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Stand by me while I run this race.  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*I'm your child while I run this race.  
I'm your child while I run this race.  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

**\*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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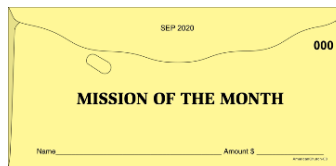
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**There are three special offering envelopes for October**

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 [crclori@gmail.com](mailto:crclori@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

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Tuesday - Psalm 119:137-144  
Wednesday - Isaiah 1:10-18  
Thursday - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Friday All Saints' Day; Ephesians - 1:11-23  
Saturday - Luke 19:1-10  
Sunday - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

God of light,  
thank you for another day.  
With each hour,  
may I be watchful for signs of your grace,  
ready to show your love,  
and eager to tell the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Make me more faithful than I was yesterday,  
and lead me in the paths of righteousness. Amen.

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

Thank you for the challenges and blessings of this day, O God.  
If I kept faith with you, thank you for your Spirit's help.  
If I looked away from you, turn me back around.  
As night falls, I relinquish my pride and my fear  
and entrust all whom I love to your care,  
with prayers for a peaceful rest;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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