



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

Worship – 10:00 AM

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.

Today we are celebrating Communion. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders before the service.

In the celebration of Communion, all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table. Please hold the elements until all have received them that we may commune together.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“If faith is not merely wishful thinking, then there comes a moment in human history when God acts to fulfill what God has promised.”

Howard K. Gregory

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “The Risen Christ”

CALL TO WORSHIP

You call us together, O God,
As a Christian community.

You inspire us to prayer and praise,
As siblings sharing a common faith.

You challenge us to listen and learn,
As searchers for the truth.

You invite us to support one another,
As compassionate friends.

You confront us,
With the injustice of our neighborhood, community, and nation.

You send us out,
To show the face of Christ to a lost and broken world.

Minister to us as we worship, O Lord,
And bless the service we offer for you each day.

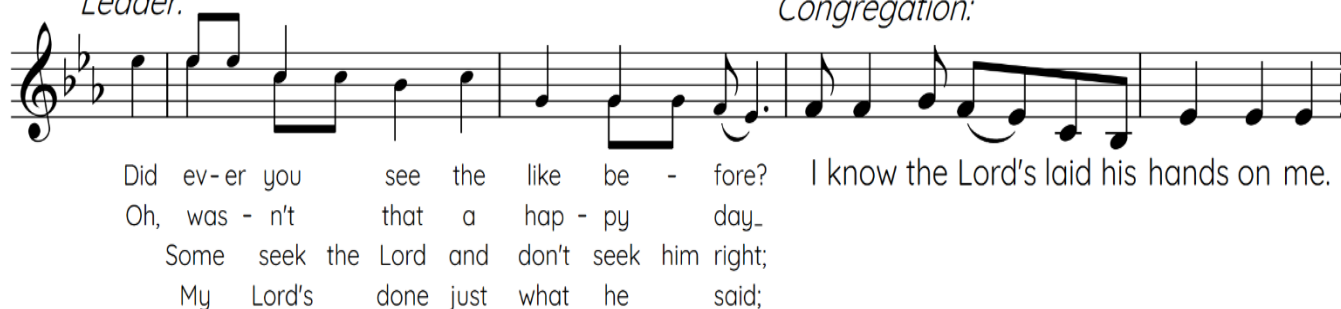
* HYMN "Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

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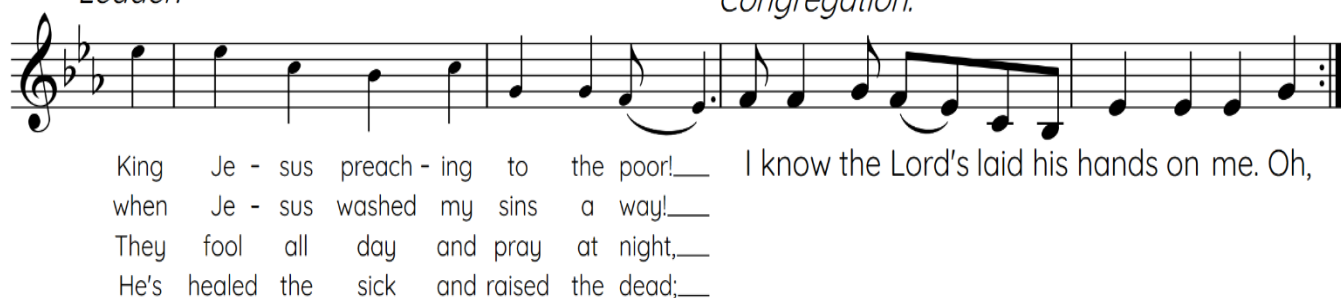
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We thank you, O God, for the call to be your faithful people,
But we confess we have not listened carefully to your Word.

We thank you, O God, for the call to be your compassionate people,
But we confess we have ignored the signs of suffering around us.

We thank you, O God, for the call to be your committed people,
But we confess our commitment has been to a comfortable way.

We thank you, O God, for the call to be people of justice,
But we confess we have been unwilling to listen to, and act for, the oppressed.

(time for silent reflection)

We thank you, O God, for your forgiving and unending love which hears our prayer and responds to our desire for forgiveness,
And for your renewing and restoring Spirit who helps and guides us into new life. AMEN.

TAIZE RESPONSE “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.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

ANTHEM “Deep River”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE - "Purposeful Loving"

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.***

This is something we do together.

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

*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"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your

glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est!

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.

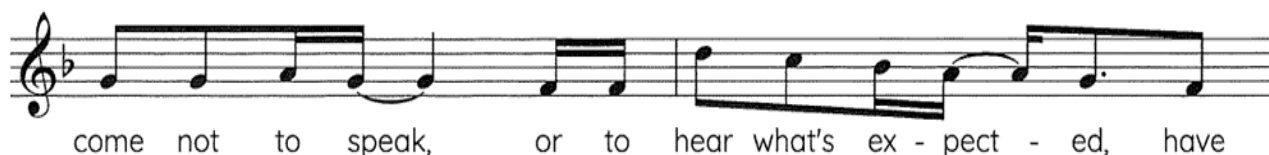
Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

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.

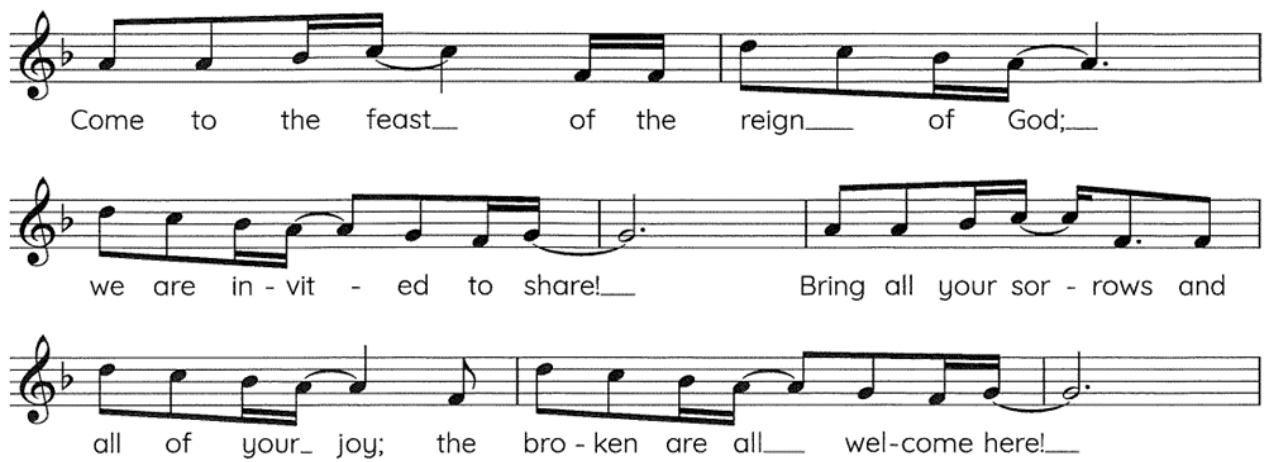
INVITATION TO THE TABLE



For around this table, you will find your family.



And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.



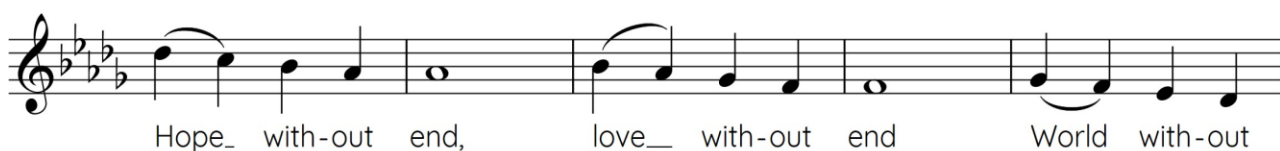
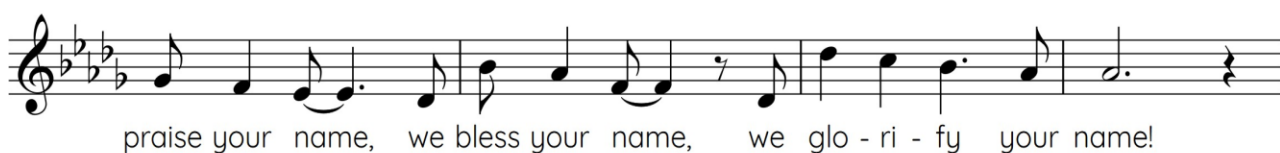
*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the
broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*



COMMUNION PRAYER



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



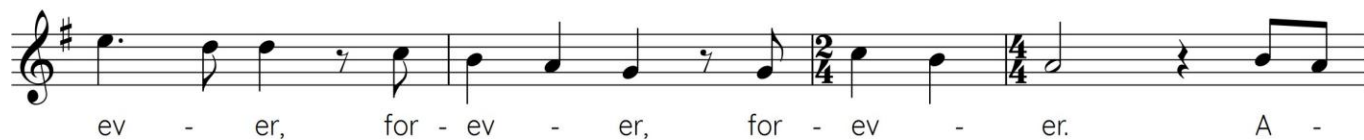
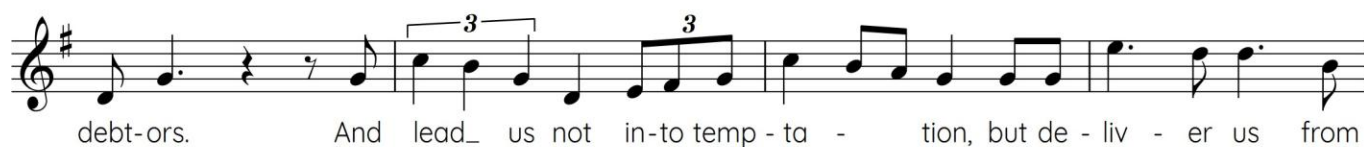
COMMUNION

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.*

POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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Glory Be to Almighty God

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The Lord's Prayer

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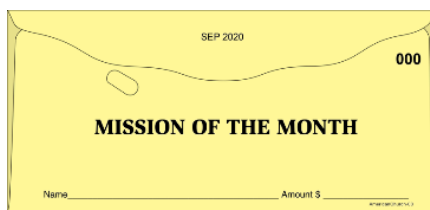
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