



Fifth Sunday after the  
Epiphany  
February 9, 2025  
Order of Service –  
10:00 am

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.

## **FOR CONTEMPLATION**

Tender moments where we find grace.  
Radiant smiles that time can not erase.  
United in laughter, through joy and strife.  
Shared dreams ignite the essence of life.  
Trust blooms in silence a bond so rare.

~Unknown

## PRELUDE “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

## THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Coté

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## INTROIT “Breath of God, Breath of Peace”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

***But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.***

Listen for the promise of God’s steadfast love and God’s faithfulness.

***We are listening for God’s call in our lives.***

## \* HYMN “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”



I'm gon-na	live	so_____	} God can use me_____ an-y - where, Lord, _
I'm gon-na	work	so_____	
I'm gon-na	pray	so_____	
I'm gon-na	sing	so_____	



_____ an - y - time!	} I'm gon-na live so_____	God can	
			I'm gon-na work so_____
			I'm gon-na pray so_____
			I'm gon-na sing so_____



use me\_\_\_\_\_ an-y - where, Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ an-y - time!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Merciful God,  
you call, but we seldom hear.  
You beckon, yet we turn away.  
Sin keeps us from responding to you,  
thwarting even our best efforts.  
Forgive our lack of attention  
to things that matter  
and restore our sense of your priorities.  
Focus us on your call to worship and service  
as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Into My Heart” (3 times)

*Into my heart, into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Come in today, come in to stay,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Righteous Father,  
we who own more than we use,  
proclaim more than we experience,  
and request more than we need,  
come asking your forgiveness.  
We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.  
We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.  
We experience your grace, then act defeated.  
We rely on your power, but only in hard times.  
We have become confused and misguided.  
Forgive our every defection.  
Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust,  
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,  
the truth of God,  
and the life of love,  
now and always. Amen*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
Alleluia!*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## SUMMARY OF THE LAW

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

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

## 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 “Give Me Jesus”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

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

## THE MORNING MESSAGE “Pray, Trust, Wait”

### \*HYMN “Send Me, Lord”

Leader:

Send me, Lord.

Congregation:

Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

1.2. 3.

Lead me, Lord. Fill me, Lord. Je - sus, send me, Lord. Je - sus, lead me, Lord. Je - sus, fill me, Lord. Lead me, Fill me, Lord.

## 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 “Amen”

## WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader <b>Tina Bottini</b>	Music Director <b>Ben April</b>
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**Amen**

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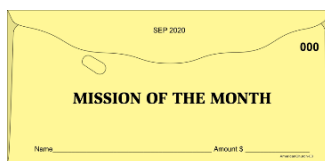
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