

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



January 16, 2022

Order of Service
10:00 am

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

“Those who aren't following Jesus aren't his followers.
It's that simple. Followers follow, and those who don't follow aren't followers. To follow Jesus means to follow Jesus into a society where justice rules, where love shapes everything. To follow Jesus means to take up his dream and work for it.”

~ Scot McKnight, *One Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow*

PRELUDE “All Creatures of Our God and King”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome
Announcements

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Lisa McGee

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Darkness is gone. New Hope has arisen for each of us.

We are forgiven and blessed.

We are marked by God as disciples

God has entrusted us with God's own message of hope.

Come, Spirit of God, and rest upon us.

As we worship you, enable us to be people of hope and peace.

Amen.

HYMN “Gather Us In”

***Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name***

***We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song***

*Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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THE RESPONSIVE READING

When we are overwhelmed by responsibility or struggle,
we forget your ability,
When we are proud of our dreams or achievements,
we forget your ability,
When we are faced with great suffering or great opportunity,
we forget your ability.

But, you are God – with all that the word implies,
and you are right here,
*with us, within us,
in partnership with us;*
and so whatever we may face,
whatever we may have to endure or enjoy,
we praise you for your divine ability that embraces us,
your Holy Spirit that fills us,
and we celebrate the knowledge that you have walked the road before
us,
incarnate, baptized, mortal and eternal. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord” (3 times)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The struggles of our world feel overwhelming, Jesus;
beyond our ability to understand, let alone solve.

We do not have the capacity
to silence the justifications,
to heal the addictions,
to restore the brokenness,
to repair the destruction,
or to reverse the trajectories
of our self-centred, short-sighted weakness,
our heartless, dehumanizing aggression.

But, we do not face these struggles alone, Jesus;
You have aligned yourself with us,
in taking on flesh,
in going through the waters,
in laying down your life;
And you have invited us to partner with you,
in proclaiming Good News,
in freeing the imprisoned,
in restoring the broken,
in uniting the divided;
And you have given us the capacity,
the divine Spirit,
to be co-workers with God.

For this, we are eternally grateful.
Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Shepard Me, O God” (3 times)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Lisa McGee

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 "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Something We Don't Want To Miss "

HYMN 357 "Earth and All Stars"

*Earth and all stars! Come, rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Order from chaos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Refrain:
He has done marvelous things,
I too will praise him with a new song!*

*Hail, wind and rain! Come, blowing snowstorms!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Soft rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Trumpet and pipes! Come, clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Low humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Knowledge and truth! Come, piercing wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Children of God, dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

BENEDICTION

THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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.*

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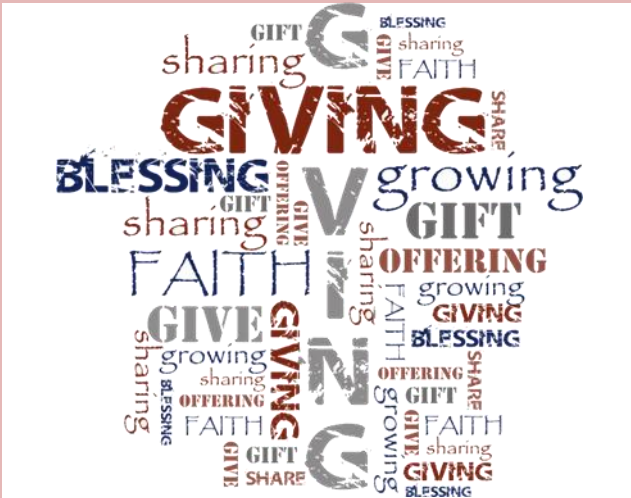
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Tuesday, January 18

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 19

Consistory - 7:00-9:00 pm - Will meet in the Gathering Room.
Elders meet at 6:00 in Rev. Cornwell's office.

Thursday, January 20

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7:00 pm
The Wired Word Bible Study - 7:00-8:00pm

Colorado Fire Relief Mission

The most destructive fires in Colorado's history have burned hundreds of homes to the ground. Families have lost everything. Tens of thousands of people were forced to evacuate within minutes as 110 MPH winds and extremely dry conditions fueled the fires' spread across thousands of acres, completely destroying families' homes, including an entire 350-home subdivision.

Together Rising is standing with the families devastated by this

horrific tragedy.

You can donate by sending a check to the church, made out to Community Reformed Church of Colonie or by using this link, <https://togetherrising.org/colorado-fires/>

Men's Group - Due to the rise in local Covid cases, the Men's Group dinner scheduled for January 26th will be postponed until a later date.

Sunday School Teacher - We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Tuesday - Psalm 19:1-6
Wednesday - Psalm 19:7-14
Thursday - 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Friday - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Saturday - Luke 4:14-21
Sunday - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Household Prayer: Morning

Enlivening God,
each morning I am awakened by your goodness
nudging the earth to life.
I am filled with wonder.
Your steadfast love extends to the sky,
your constancy reaches to the clouds.
How precious is your steadfast love!
It shines like the dawn,
and dews the desolation of my soul.
Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit
that I may rejoice in you
as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As evening falls and darkness shutters the day,
do not forsake us, O God.

Crown the sky with jewels of light
that your salvation may burnish the heavens
and illumine the earth,
and all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.



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