

**The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 1, 2024
Worship – 9:00 AM**

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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

“When it is genuine, when it is born of the need to speak, no one can stop the human voice. When denied a mouth, it speaks with the hands or the eyes, or the pores, or anything at all. Because every single one of us has something to say to others, something that deserves to be celebrated or forgiven by others.”

Eduardo Galeano from *The Book of Embraces*

PRELUDE “Draw Me Close”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will extol you, my God and king and I will bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! God’s greatness is unsearchable!

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your wondrous works.

People shall speak of the might of your awesome acts and tell of your greatness. They shall eagerly tell the memory of your goodness and shall sing of your righteousness.

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN "The Summons"

Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but

call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you

go where you don't know and nev - er
 care for cruel - and kind and nev - er
 set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 quell the fear in - side and nev - er

be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you

let my love be shown, will you
 risk the hos - tile stare, should your
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 use the faith you've found to re -

let my name be known, will you
 life at - tract or scare? Will you
 such as this un - seen, and ad -
 shape the world a - round, through my

let my life be grown in you and
 let me an - swer prayer in you and
 mit to what I mean in you and
 sight and touch and sound in you and

you in me?
 you in me?
 you in me?
 you in me?

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you have given us all that we need. We have been so blessed by your grace, mercy and peace. We know we should be more eager and willing to share this good news with others and pray for your forgiveness for those times we were silent when we could have spoken up. We also know there will be more opportunities for us to do so, and we pray your Spirit will give us courage and confidence when they arise.

We also pray that our lives will be a faithful witness of what we believe and what we speak, so help us to live honest and sincere and faithful lives. Guide us by your word and Spirit today and always. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s

food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

I Peter 3:13-17

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE - “We’ve Something to Share”

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.

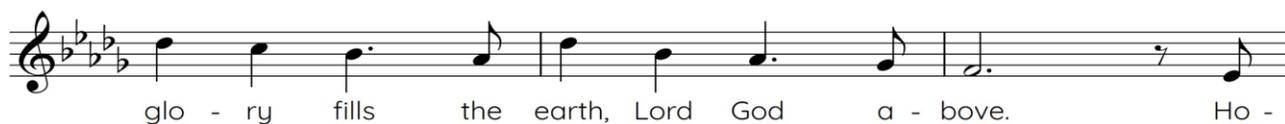
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE

*HYMN "Holy Lord"



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.



Come not be-cause you have to,_____ come not to prove you are saved,

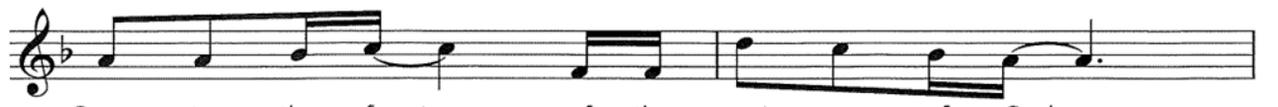


come not to speak, or to hear what's ex - spect - ed, have



cour - age to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ leads!

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



Come to the feast_____ of the reign_____ of God;_____



we are in - vit - ed to share!_____ Bring all your sor - rows and



all of your_ joy; the bro - ken are all_____ wel-come here!_____

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



Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!_____ Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!_____



Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!_____

COMMUNION PRAYER



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



Glo - ry be to Al might-y God, and glo-ry be__ to the Son,_____



Glo - ry be to the Spir - it,___ e - ter-nal three in one!___ We



praise your name, we bless your name, we glo - ri - fy your name!



Hope_ with-out end, love__ with-out end World with-out



end, oh Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est!

COMMUNION

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"



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name.



Thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our debts, as we for - give our



debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from



e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and thine is the pow - er, and thine is the glo - ry, for



ev - er, for - ev - er, for - ev - er. A -



men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

*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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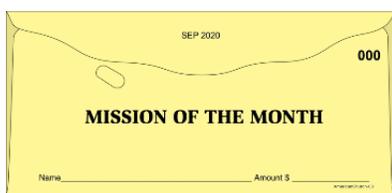
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