



The First Sunday In Lent

March 6, 2022
Order of Worship
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

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way — in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.”

~ Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

PRELUDE “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

our hearts to worship God.

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, now in this moment,
we remember the life to which Christ calls us,
and the way to take hold of that life that he shows us.

***Open our eyes and our hearts
to see and understand your glorious vision of life, O God.***

As we pray and sing and meditate on the Scriptures,
may you fill us with a new commitment
to beauty, truth, and goodness.

***And may we embrace your goodness,
that heals us, enlivens us, and liberates us
and that empowers us to bring goodness
into the lives of those around us.***

Amen.

*HYMN 200 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

***1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.***

***2 As you with Satan did contend,
and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
in you to conquer sin.***

**3 As you did hunger and did thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and so to live
by your most holy Word.**

**4 And thro' these days of penitence,
and thro' your Passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.**

**5 Abide with us, that through this life
of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy
we may at last attain!**

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Written by Kayla Craig
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O Boze pokoju, nasze serca sa cieskie.
O God of peace, our hearts are heavy

I nasze mozgi nie nadazaja za wiadomosciami.
Nie wiemy co powiedziec lub co zrobic w swiecie tak zranionym
Wiec przychodzimy do was z ciezкими sercami dla wszystkich ktorzy
Siedzia w kryzowym ogniu przemocy i actow wojny.

***And our brains can barely keep up with the breaking news
We don't know what to say or what to do in a world so
wounded.
So we come to you with hearts heavy for
All who sit in the crossfires of violence and acts of war.***

O Boze pokoju, byc z narodem Ukrainy.
O God of peace, be with the people of Ukraine.

Z matkami, ktore przewoza dziec do schronisk metra.
Z ojcami, ktorzy trzymoja glowy w rekach
Z dzieczmi, ktore absorbuja traumy
Aktow przemcy poteznych mezczyzn.

***With the mothers who carry babies to subway shelters.
With the fathers who hold their heads in their hands.
With the children who absorb the traumas.
Of violent acts of powerful men.***

O Boze pokoju, Nie znamy slow do modlitwy.
Dla walczacego swiata in wszyscy, ktory sa podatni ataki w jezyku
***O God of peace, we don't know the words to pray
For a warring world and all who are vulnerable in it.***

Nie udajemi, ze znamy rozmiar szkod w jezyka
Lub co dzys, lub jutro przyniesie
Ale wiemy , ze jestes bogiem pokoju.
I nie mozamy zbombardowac naszej drogi do shalom.
***We don't pretend to know the extent of the damages
Or what tomorrow (or today) will bring.
But we know that you are a God of peace
And we can't bomb our way to shalom.***

O Boze pokoju, pocieszac placz i uzdrowic serce.
O God of peace, comfort the crying and heal the hurt.

Pielegnu bol i uspokoij przetrasonych
Uczyn nas instrumentami swojego pokoju.
Tworzenie synfonii sakralnej gdzie
Rytmi laski sa tanczone na zyba
i zlo stracilo swoje zadlo , teraz i na zawsze.

***Tend the aching and soothe the fearful.
Make us instruments of your peace
Creating a sacred symphony where
Rhythms of grace are danced upon
And evil has lost its sting, now and forevermore.***

O Boze pokoju, posluchaj naszej modlitwy.
O God of peace, hear our prayer

(All together) O God of peace, hear our prayer

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free” (3 times)

*Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

In these times of restrictions and uncertainty,
it is easy to get caught up in our anger, God.

*We are sorry for the times when we have let the
anger and irritation take control, and when we
have responded unkindly towards others.*

We sometimes let our pain get the better of us,
and use it as an excuse to respond from our worst selves.

*We are sorry for losing sight of how to cling to goodness,
for forgetting that evil is not more powerful than goodness.*

Jesus, when you were tempted in the wilderness,
you were faced with every opportunity to choose your own
agenda.

*You chose instead to remember the goodness within yourself
and refused to let narcissism win the day.*

You gave us an example of how to face our temptations,
of how to respond to our darkness.

You showed us how to remember our irrepressible goodness.

You show us that we have the capacity
to bring peace, joy, wholeness and justice into our worlds.

*And we cling to this irrepressible goodness
even in our brokenness.*

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.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Vicki Lane

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

ANTHEM “My Refuge”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Irrepressible Goodness”

THE SACRAMENT 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.

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

*APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

*THE OFFERING

*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" (3 times)

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.*

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again.***

"GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Glorify Your Name

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

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 632 "The Lord's Prayer"

MALOTTE

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy 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 the evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever,
Amen. Amen.*

***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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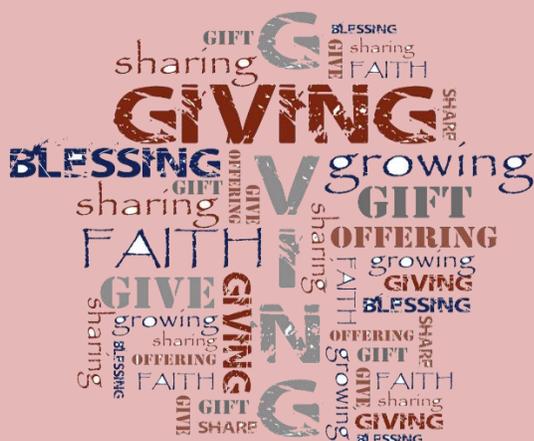
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Tuesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 10

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Aid for Ukraine – We will be collecting donations to send to Direct Relief. Direct Relief is working directly with Ukraine’s Ministry of Health and other on-the-ground partners to provide urgently needed medical aid, including emergency response packs intended for first responders, oxygen concentrators, critical care medicines, and much more. You may donate with a check payable to CRCC with “Direct Relief” in the memo, envelope provided in your bulletin, or you may mail a check to the Church.

Or you may donate directly via this link:
<https://www.directrelief.org/place/ukraine/>



Devastated by the invasion of Ukraine but not sure how to help?

CRCC Youth Group will be collecting *NEW* items to help the people of Ukraine.

Items will be delivered to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Troy. From there, they will be sent to Ukraine. Items can be dropped off at church by Sunday, 3/13 or to the Desnoyers home by 3/17 (email crccsarah@gmail.com for address)

Items Needed

Hygiene Items

Body care products
Sanitary products
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Wet wipes
Diapers - all sizes
Diaper cream
Shampoo - adults and baby

First Aid Items

Antiseptics
Reusable and
Disposable masks
Bandages/Dressings
Tourniquets
Painkillers (Tylenol, Ibuprofen)
Thermometers

Food Items

Energy bars
Dried Fruits



The Lenten Cross which hangs behind the pulpit
was created by our worshippers
who participated in the Ash Wednesday service.
On each slip of folded paper nailed to this cross
we have privately acknowledged our separation from God.
This cross is fashioned from a Christmas tree trunk symbolizing
both the birth and death of our Lord.



Service of Healing

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.

Mark 1:41
Sunday, March 27
10 AM

This special Lenten worship service calls upon
Our Lord who is the Great Physician
to touch us with his healing hand and anoint us with his soothing oil.

For those worshipping in person, there will be anointing with oil in the
midst of our ordained elders and pastor.

For those worshipping at home,
if you would like to be prayed for during this service,
please send your name to

Bruce at brucecornwell@gmail.com or **Sandy** at crccsandy@gmail.com .
Only your name, no personal details, will be shared with the worshippers.

The March Mission of the Month is the City Mission of Schenectady. “City Mission of Schenectady, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Our ministries are seeking to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community.” They provide food, shelter, clothing, employment assistance, and emotional/behavioral support.

You can support the City Mission by utilizing your yellow “Mission of the Month” offering envelope for March, through written check made out to CRCC with “March Mission of the Month” written in the memo, or by direct donation on their web site:

<https://www.citymission.org/donate/> .

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

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 - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Tuesday - Psalm 27:1-6

Wednesday - Psalm 27:7-14

Thursday - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Friday - Luke 13:31-35

Saturday - Luke 9:28-43

Sunday - Second Sunday in Lent

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, all night I slept in your shadow,
sheltered by you.

As I enter into the gift of this day,
I trust that you are with me.

May I see signs and wonders of your
presence in the world today,
for you alone are God.

I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate
and share with others the abundance
of your grace and love.

Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,
for you yourself make no distinctions,
but are Lord of all.

In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, my dwelling place, as the shadows fall, I rest in you.

Thank you for the faith that held me fast this day.

Thank you, too, for every person who offered me grace,
and for those to whom I could also show grace.

I pray this night for all who long to see a sign of your power
in the darkness that surrounds them.

Be near to them and show them your salvation.

And in the morning when I rise,
give me your work to do for another day;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Fasting Works of Love



40 Days



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