

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



November 5, 2023
Order of Service ~ 10:00 am

* - please rise in body or in spirit

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*

Jesus wept,
and in his weeping,
he joined himself forever
to all those who mourn.
He stands now throughout all time,
this Jesus weeping,
with his arms about the weeping ones.
“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”
He stands with the mourners
for his name is God-with-us.
Jesus wept.

~ Ann Weems

PRELUDE “Near to the Heart of God”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
There is no end to God's greatness
One generation shall proclaim God's works to another
And shall tell about God's power over all.

All God's works magnify the wonder and praise due to God,
*And God's faithful servants bless the Lord by telling
of God's goodness.*

Let us make known the glory of the Lord and tell all others
of God's power
*My mouth and my life shall speak the praise of the Lord from
this moment on and forevermore.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

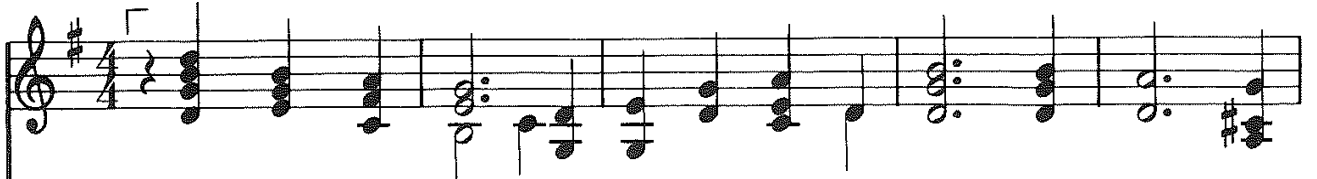
Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who
teaches us the way of peace through life together, who fills us with
visions of your eternal reign:
*as we now celebrate the communion of saints, pour into our
hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
Let us worship God.
Amen.

HYMN 751 "For All the Saints"

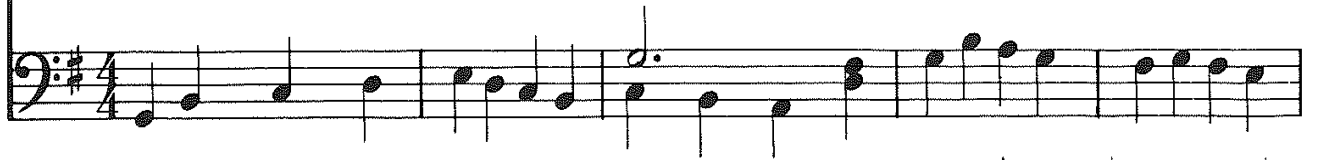
751 For All the Saints

All these people were still living by faith when they died . . . Heb. 11:13

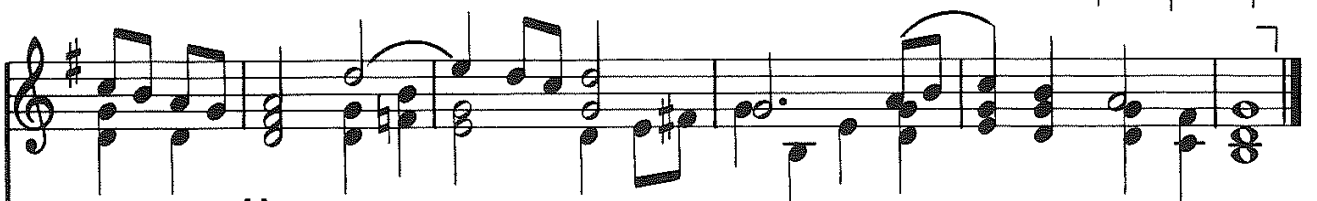
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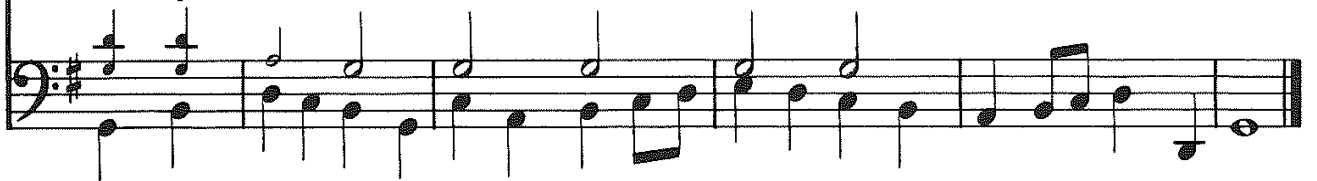
1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their
5. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints tri-
6. From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of



faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be for-
captain in the well-fought fight; } thou in the darkness drear, their
phantom rise in bright array; the King of glory passes
pearl stream in the countless host, } singing to Father, Son, and



ever blest.
one true light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
on his way.
Ho - ly Ghost:



RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE DAY

From Ted Yoder's, *Guerrillas of Grace*

O God of all seasons and senses, grant us the sense of your timing to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the turn of the seasons. In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold,

teach us the lessons of endings; children growing, friends leaving, loved ones dying, grieving over, grudges over, blaming over, excuses over. O God grant us a sense of your timing.

In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold,

teach us the lessons of beginnings; that such waitings and endings may be the starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born—something right and just and different, a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love—in the fullness of your time.

O God grant us the sense of your timing.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Lord is My Light”

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

COMBINED DEACON'S AND ELDER'S PRAYER

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for your church .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray for your world . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. We pray for all victims of disaster...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky — for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. We pray for your creation . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for all who are in need of your healing touch. . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever.

Amen.

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 “Blessed are They”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-9

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So, he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “FILLING THEIR SHOES?”

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

SPECIAL MUSIC

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and most loving God, we thank you for these lives that have blessed ours in so many, many ways. We thank you for the memories we have of our lives together.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of the autumn,

we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

for they are now a part of us,

as we remember them.



*HYMN 519 "It is Well With My Soul"

It Is Well with My Soul 519

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:21

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

Refrain
say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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***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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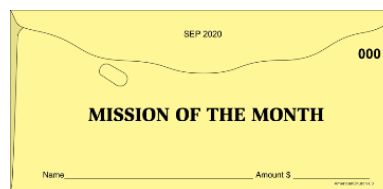
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Special Offering Envelopes –

There are two special offering envelopes for November

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crcclori@gmail.com.



ZOOM

To join 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

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.

Online Church Bulletin Board

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