

The Third Sunday of Easter



March 24, 2024
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

“A saint is not a man who never fails: a saint is a man who gets up and goes on every time he fails.”

~ William Barclay

PRELUDE – “Be Thou My Vision”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE INTROIT – “Change My Heart, O God”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to the well of fear and doubt.

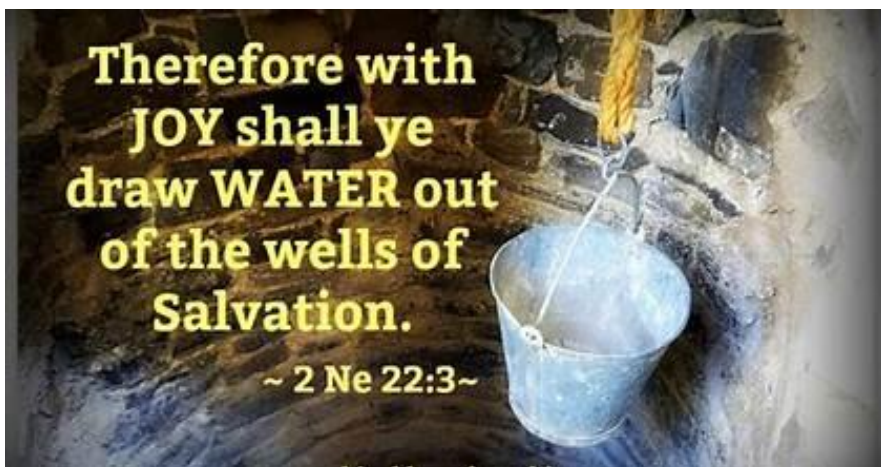
We have drawn deeply of those waters.

We come to the well of anger and hate.

These waters flourish in all the land.

Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. AMEN.



* HYMN 60 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

60 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Lam. 3:22-23

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

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FAITHFULNESS
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* **LIVING WATER** by John van de Laar

In the dry wildernesses of our lives,
in the days of heat and thirst,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others,
have left us alone and wounded,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

We thank you and praise you, O God,
that however we may thirst,
whatever we may need to satisfy our souls,
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;
***So we drink deep of the living water
and, as we draw from your wells,
we seek to pass the cup to others
who, like us, are thirsty for your grace.***
Amen.

* **TAIZE MEDITATION** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"
(3 times)

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we find it difficult to cope with change and there are times when we choose to exercise selective memories about the past - remembering only the good things and forgetting the bad.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust your guidance in our lives.

We confess that when we are confronted with crises in our lives, we hunger and thirst for immediate and quick solutions and often blame you, O God, when this does not happen.

Forgive us, O God, when we forget that you are with us in these crises, suffering with us and giving us the strength to cope.

Jesus promised to satisfy our thirst through the gift of his life in us - as living water welling up within us providing a source of unending power and confidence.

Forgive us, O God, when we look to material and physical sources to satisfy our thirst for meaning in our lives.

Remind us, O God, that your love has been poured as living water into our hearts through the sacrificial love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As rain replenishes and softens the dry, corroded soil of the outback, replenish and soften our hearts with the living water that only Christ can give. In his name we pray. Amen

TAIZE MEDITATION “Come, O Lord & 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.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Lisa Gillan

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 “Jesus is My Lord”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Peter”

Peter

From My Point of View by Rolland R. Reece

Adapted by Sandy Cornwell

Narrator: Lisa Gillan

Reader: Jessica Kaercher

Peter: BJ Todd



* HYMN 638 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 638

... and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:24

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, when my
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the

tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the
 life is al-most gone; hear my cry, hear my
 day is past and gone, at the riv-er I

night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
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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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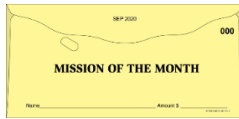
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In-Person Worship Guidelines - Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others. Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

ZOOM

To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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