

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



**Sunday,  
October 15, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Sanctuary Worship  
Order of Service

\* - 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**

I cannot and will not recant anything,  
for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe.  
Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God.  
Amen.

~ Martin Luther

PRELUDE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP – From Psalm 106

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for God is good,  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

***Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.***

Remember me, O Lord, when you show your favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them.

***So, I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones and rejoice  
in the gladness of your nation and glory in your heritage.***

Bring us together, O Lord our God, that we may give thanks to your  
holy name and glorify you with praise.

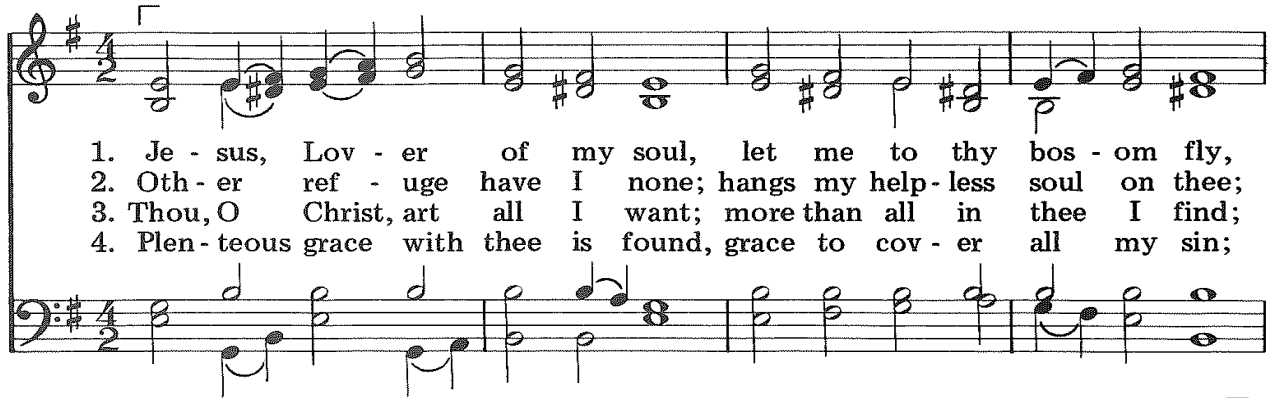
***Blessed be the Lord God from everlasting to everlasting!  
Let all the people praise you, O Lord.***



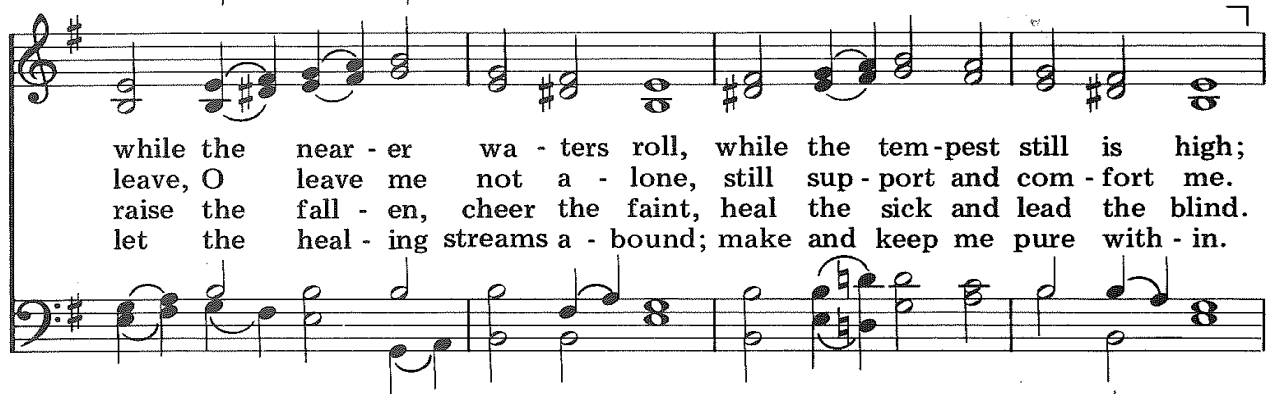
\*HYMN 461 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

# 461 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

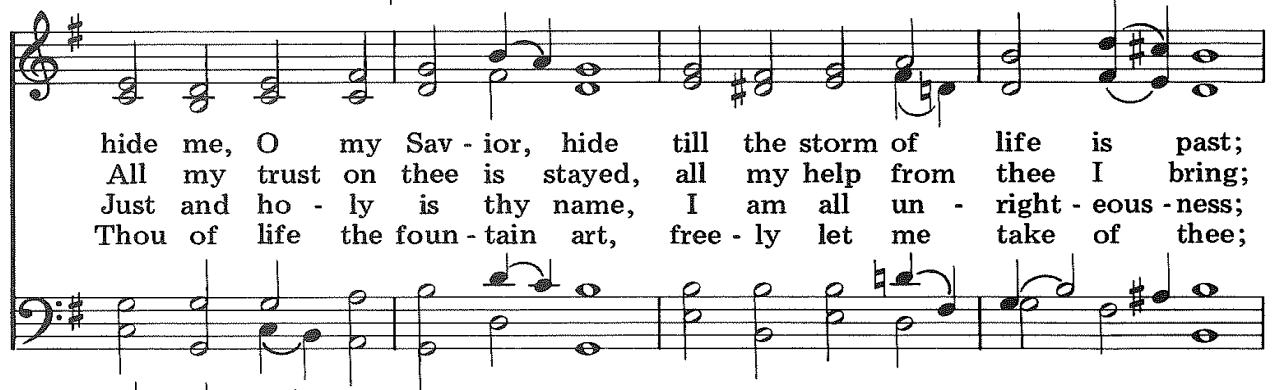
*You have been . . . a shelter from the storm . . . Is. 25:4*



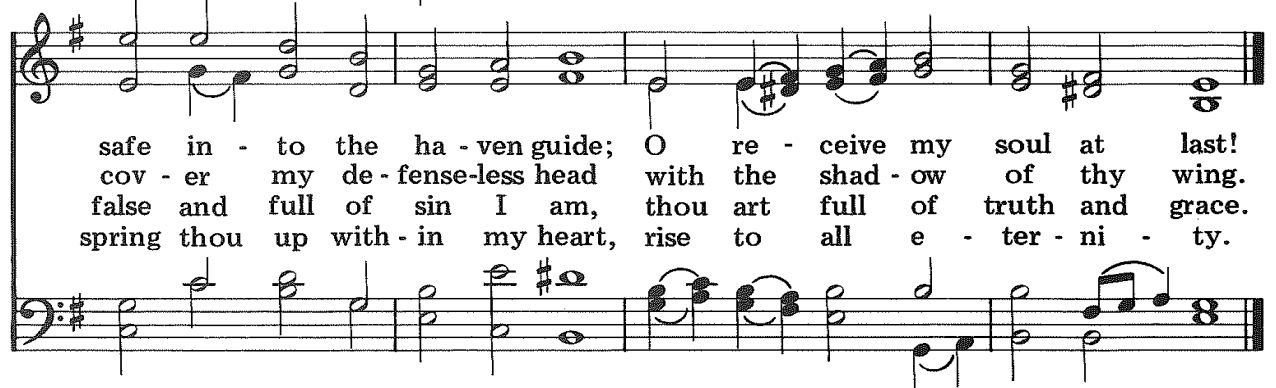
1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee;  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;  
leave, O leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.  
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is thy name, I am all un - right - eous - ness;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!  
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.  
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1738  
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1879

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## ✱THE RESPONSIVE READING

It would be much easier, Jesus, to ignore the hard truths around us:  
***the widening gap between rich and poor,***  
the consistency with which the powerful get their way,  
***the bending of rules and the self-enrichment of the***  
***connected and influential,***  
the lack of adequate care, protection and resources for the most  
vulnerable among us;  
***we would rather not see these signs.***

It would be much easier if we could just pretend everything was  
alright,  
***if we could prophesy goodness and light, and ignore the***  
***darkness and evil;***  
if we didn't have to offend the status quo, or challenge the  
comfortable;  
***if we could convince ourselves that the cross,***  
was just a one-time thing –  
***your calling, not ours.***

But, we can't do this, Jesus, because we know too much;  
your Gospel has captured us and opened our eyes,  
and we have become slaves to love,  
***the love that must speak for the voiceless,***  
***the love that must challenge injustice,***  
***the love that draws lines of division***  
between truth and denial,  
***between compassion and expediency.***

Give us the courage to acknowledge what we see,  
***to name the signs of the times,***  
***to disrupt the 'way things are'***  
***in the name of what should be,***  
to divide in order to heal and restore,  
***and to be crucified for the sake of love. Amen.***

**\*MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified”**

*In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION - From Psalm 25**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Almighty and ever merciful God, we confess to you that all too often we seek what will bring us pleasure more than what will provide for others, what will make our life easier more than what will ease the burdens of another, what will ensure our security more than what will bring deliverance to another. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we allow burdens to continue. Forgive us and set us on a new course that will do justice, love kindness and work for your kingdom to come in our world. In Christ our redeemer we pray. AMEN.*

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)**

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
Alleluia!*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

“God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love which God has for us even while we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this

is not your own doing; it is the gift of God and not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”

This is the good news of God’s grace. Let us believe it and go forth to live in peace. ***Thanks be to God!***

## **SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** – Mark Kaercher

**DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD** – Jessica Kaercher

## **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** “By the Gentle Waters”

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**PSALM 119:33-40**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

#### MATTHEW 19:16-22

Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?”

Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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

**MORNING MESSAGE** "How Are You Doing? How Are You Being?"



\*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.*

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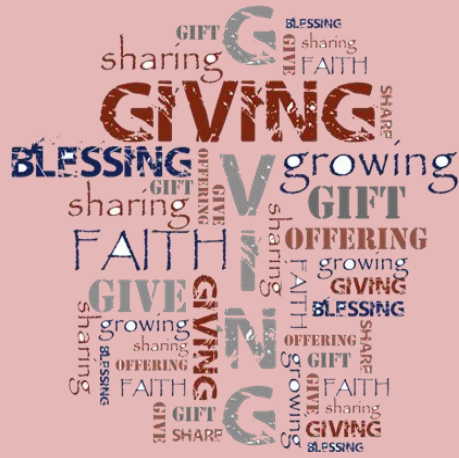
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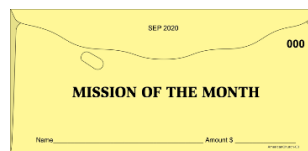
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