

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



***Sunday,  
August 6, 2023  
9:00 AM***

Outdoor Worship  
Order of Service

**Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM**

\* - 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**

What oxygen is to the lungs,  
such is hope to the meaning of life.

—Emil Brunner, Swiss theologian (1889–1966)

**PRELUDE** “Morning Has Broken”

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

### INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, in you we recognize what life can be:

***Recklessly loving, abundantly forgiving, and limitlessly free.***

Thank you for offering this life to us again, now.

***Thank you for removing the barriers that would keep us  
from this life,***

***and for making us new again.***

We praise you for the way you lived –

***opening doors of pain and guilt,  
and releasing captives.***

We praise you for the way you died –

***forgiving sinners,  
and denying revenge.***

We praise you for the way you returned from death –

***opening graves,  
and re-awakening hopes and dreams.***

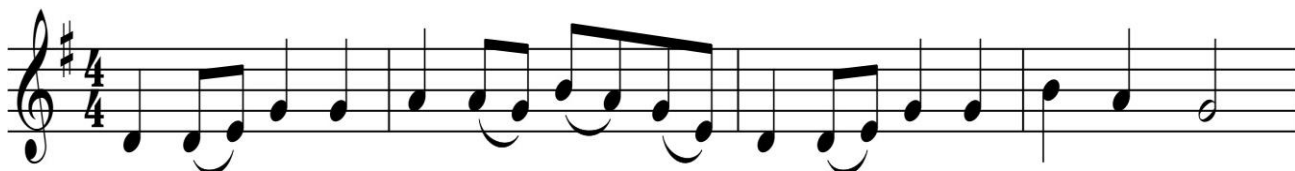
And, we praise you for the way you come to us now –

***stirring love in our hearts,  
and passion in our lives.***

***Amen.***



**\*HYMN "All Who Hunger"**



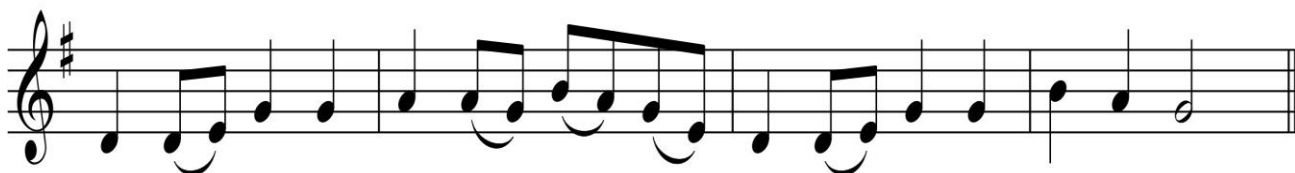
All who hun-ger, gath-er\_\_ glad - ly;\_\_ ho - ly\_\_ man-na is our bread.  
All who hun-ger, nev - er\_\_ strang-ers;\_\_ seek-er,\_\_ be a wel-come guest.  
All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er;\_\_ Je - sus\_Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and\_ wan - d'ring. Here, in\_\_ truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less - ness and\_ roam-ing.\_ Here, in\_\_ joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and\_ long - ing.\_ Here, in\_\_ peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of\_\_ full - ness, all a-round us is our\_\_ food.  
We that once were lost and\_ scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this\_\_ ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



Taste and\_ see the grace e - ter - nal.\_ Taste and\_ see that God is good!

## ✱RESPONSIVE READING

Gracious and loving God, we praise you for always being there...  
*in times of joyful celebration  
and times of despairing distress;  
in times of noble faithfulness  
and times of wasteful foolishness.*

We praise you for the gentle wisdom...  
*that whispers in stillness  
and always leads us to the light.*

We praise you for Your nail-scarred hand...  
*always extended for us to hold.*

Forgive us when we forget your counsel, guidance, and presence...  
*and, by choice or by ignorance,  
wander blind and aimless without you.*

Thank you for always calling us back...  
*for making a way at your own ultimate expense for us to  
be renewed and forgiven.*

And for touching us again now...  
*with your love and grace and wisdom.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## ✱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

Timeless designer of time and place, In this tiny fragment of earth, this small fraction of history, you have gathered us. You have chosen this sacred moment to fill our minds and to touch our spirits with God... to remind us of you and your awesomely weak human life among us.

We are here because we forget

***Speak to us again, O God***

When life breaks over us, we forget your strength

***Still the waves again, O God***

When pain is a constant, unwelcome companion,  
we forget your compassion

***Touch and heal again, O God***

When fear and uncertainty undermine us, we forget your presence

***Stand among us again, O God***

When grief hollows out our hearts, we forget your comfort

***Weep with us again, O God***

We need the gentle whisperings of your spirit to inspire faith in us again. We need to know once more that we are truly not alone; that we are loved with life-forfeiting love; that we are forgiven by debt-cancelling grace; that we are restored to vulnerable relationship with you.

***We thank You for this brief retreat into remembering and re-creation.***

***Let us not forget***

***For Jesus' sake.***

***Amen.***

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION "The Kingdom of God"

***The Kingdom of God is justice and peace***

***And joy in the Holy Spirit.***

***Come, Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your kingdom.***

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

### 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 “Come As You Are”

### SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### MORNING MESSAGE “Feast of Faith”





\*HYMN 558 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

# 558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

... God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son. 1 Jn. 4:9

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.  
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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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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Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

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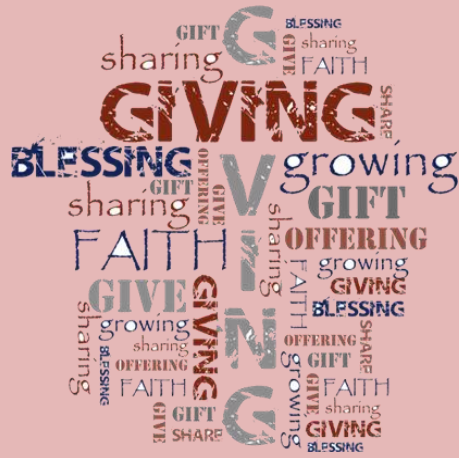
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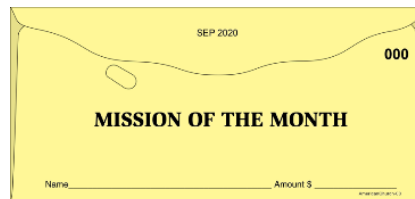
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**The special offering envelopes for August.**

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