



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

A Service of Healing and Restoration

March 27, 2022
Order of Service - 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

“Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls;
the most massive characters are seared with scars.”

~ KAHILIL GIBRAN

PRELUDE “In Christ Alone”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ based on James 5:13-16

Are any among you suffering?

We should pray.

Are any cheerful?

We should sing songs of praise.

Are any among you sick?

We should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over us, anointing us with oil in the name of the Lord.

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that we may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN “You Are My Hiding Place” (2 times)

You are my hiding place

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You, I will trust in You

Let the weak say I am strong In the strength of the Lord

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE OF HEALING AND RESTORATION

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified” (3 times)

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.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's favor.

We believe Jesus healed a centurion's slave, saying that he had not found such faith in all of Israel; we believe Jesus healed a demon-possessed man, in whom no faith was to be found. We believe Jesus healed those who asked; we believe Jesus healed those who never asked.

We believe that Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; for by his wounds we have been healed.

We believe that Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. We believe those same disciples were arrested and questioned by what name they healed, and they responded, "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

We believe that eventually even Lazarus died again, but that death has no victory or sting. We believe in a mystery, that at the last trumpet we will all be changed, as this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Wait for the Lord" (3 times)

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ Lisa McGee

ANTHEM "You Are Mine"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS – Jeffrey Elsbree

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Philippians 4:6-7, 11b-13

⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

^{11b}I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

MORNING MESSAGE “In All Circumstances”

Jeffrey Elsbree
Bruce Cornwell

THE ELDER’S AND DEACON’S PRAYER

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Elder: O Great Physician, there is pain in us, Lord, and sickness. It comes in many forms...but the anguish is the same. Some of us are battling disease and injury. Perhaps not even our closest friends know how really serious it is, but you know. Some of us live with pain as an ever-present companion. We want you to take the hurt away; but if it must be, give us the stamina and grace to bear it with patience and the power to keep from taking it out on those around us.

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Deacon: Some of us outwardly are a picture of health, but inside our heart of hearts, where you alone walk freely, something is wrong, something that sickens joy and love. Perhaps it stems from a very old tragedy, perhaps it is a recent heartbreak, perhaps it is conflict in our family, perhaps it is loneliness, perhaps it is doubt. Touch us, Lord. Heal our memories; free us from what is past.

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Elder: Others of us are doing our best with the pain of a loved one as an illness or heartbreak ravages one we hold dear. Often there is very little we can do directly, even though we might gladly change places with that person if we could. Be near to those we name before you in our hearts, relieve the loneliness of their struggle, battle their pain, lift their spirits, restore their joy.

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for the sickness that infects our world and allows countries to go to war... allows neighbors to fight neighbors... and allows civilians to be tortured and maimed in war's hatred. We pray for this world where poverty dulls the eyes and cripples the mind, where hope and safety are luxuries only the rich can sample. Use us as instruments of your healing in the world around us. Motivate us to become alert and informed. Do not let us hide our hearts and minds from that which is too terrible for us to bear. Free us to do our part, knowing that you can and do bear the burden of our world.

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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.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

May the hands of the Great physician, Jesus Christ, fill your whole being - body, mind and spirit - with divine blessing and healing. Amen.

* HYMN 516 "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.*

*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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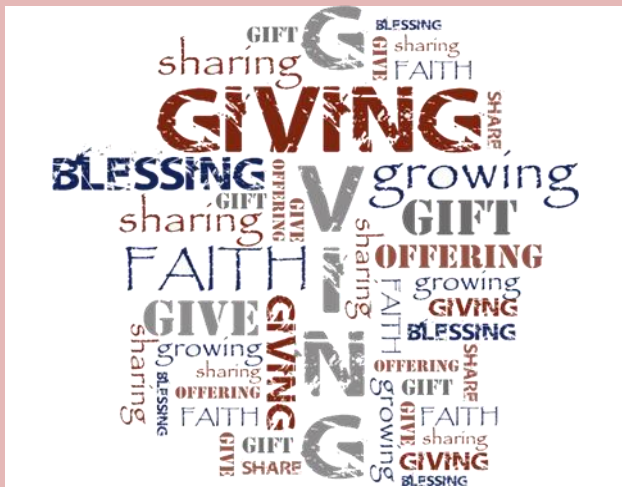
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Monday, March 28

“Shirley's Shawls” - the prayer shawl ministry of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will meet in the gathering room at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 28th. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to join us. Please contact Linda Murphy with any questions, lindamurph98@aol.com.

Friday, March 25

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

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/> .

Camp Fowler – It’s not too early to plan for summer 2022. If any children are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, there are scholarships available. Contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239 for further information.



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.

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



Easter Flowers

All plants are \$10 each.
Because of supply limitations, orders must be submitted by
MARCH 30

- _____ Lily
- _____ Gerbera Daisy
- _____ Mum
- _____ Tulip
- _____ Hyacinth
- _____ Daffodils
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Given By: _____

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Total number of plants: _____

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**Flowers supplied by George's Market and Nursery.
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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Isaiah 43:16-21
Tuesday - Psalm 126:1-3
Wednesday - Psalm 126:4-6
Thursday - Philippians 3:4-11
Friday - Philippians 3:12-14
Saturday - John 12:1-8
Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, in all I do this day,
use me as a sign of your reconciling love.
Let me not view anyone from a human point of view,
but let me see all whom I will encounter
with the eyes of Christ,
through whom I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, if like the Prodigal Son
I have strayed from you this day,
call me back to your loving embrace.
If like the elder son,
I have harbored resentment for the grace
you give to others, reprove me.
Help me claim in thought and deed
the inheritance of the saints
who share with Jesus compassion and
forgiveness to all who lose their way. Amen.



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