



Thanksgiving Service

November 24, 2024

Order of Service –
10:00 am

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.

CONTEMPLATION

Write a daily gratitude

~Unknown

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE AGAPE FEAST

Throughout his ministry, Jesus stressed by his actions the importance of sharing a common meal. This led early Christians to meet frequently - perhaps weekly - on the Lord's Day for a special meal - an **agape** or feast of love. Associated with the meal were prayers and songs, and the distribution of food to the needy.

Today we are going to blend that feast of love into our Worship Service. We invite you to participate fully and in the same spirit of joy, fellowship and care as begun by Jesus.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Côté

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Now Thank We All Our God”

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,
the great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker,

For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.



HYMN 381 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Mt. 13:39

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,
3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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CONFESSION OF FAITH From Our Song of Hope

The Holy Spirit builds one church, united in one Lord and one hope, with one ministry around one table. The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus to respond in worship together, to accept all the gifts from the Spirit, to learn from each other's traditions to make unity visible on earth.

TAIZÉ 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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessings, somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy.

Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.

Lord, have mercy on us.

With bellies full of grain and meat, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough.

Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them," for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

Christ, have mercy on us.

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world.

Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all.

Lord, have mercy on us.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Shepherd Me, O God” (3 times)

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 1:5,7

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

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 “A Giving Place”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:15-17

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Thanks-giving”

OUR THANK-YOU CHAIN TO GOD

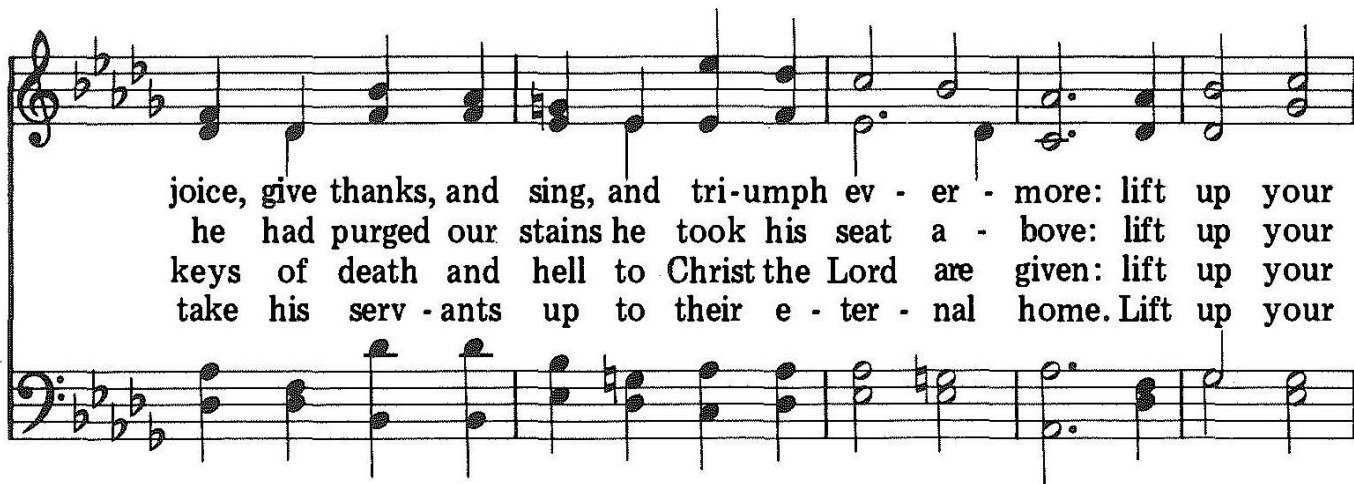
*HYMN 262 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Rejoice, the Lord Is King 262

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor. Heb. 2:9



1. Re - joyce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. The Lord the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4. Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more: lift up your
 he had purged our stains he took his seat a - bove: lift up your
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given: lift up your
 take his serv - ants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your



heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!
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WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt.
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770

DARWALL
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***THE AGAPE FEAST**

We give you thanks, O God, through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord, because you have enlightened us by revealing the one true light. Having come to the beginning of this day with the rising light and being encouraged by its presence with us, we hold fast to your promise to always be with us and bless us. And so we bless and praise you through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD

"Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, who brings forth bread from the earth."

BLESSING OF THE CUP

"Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, who creates the fruit of the vine."

***AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING (from Psalm 148)**

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!*

Praise the Lord, all you hosts of heaven!

Praise him, sun and moon!

Praise him shining stars and all the firmament!

Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

*Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?*

Let the earth join his praise:

*the seas and all that dwell therein,
the forces of nature that obey his command;
hills and mountains, trees and forests, birds and animals of
every kind.*

*Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriends you.*

Let the people praise the Lord ~

*rulers and subjects, men and women,
the old and the young alike.
Let them all praise the name of the Lord!*

*Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!*

The name of the Lord is greater than all others.

*The Glory of the Lord is above earth and heaven.
He blesses all who are his own,
so that all may praise him.*

***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.*

POSTLUDE "We Gather Together"

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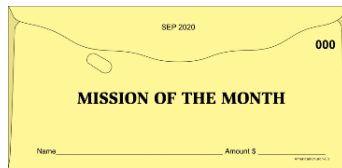
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