



# *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



September 12, 2021

Order of Worship  
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

“Kindness kindles kinship and kinship kindles a sense of community.”

— Abhijit Naskar, No Foreigner Only Family

PRELUDE "A Place At The Table"

WELCOME

INTROIT "Change My Heart, O God"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Matthew 11:28

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

***Amen.***

Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...

***Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens...***

Come to me, all you that are weary...

***Come to me...***

Come...

*(Silence)*

Grace to you and peace from God everlasting and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Amen.***

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

***1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.***

***2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.***

*3 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*

*4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our world overflows with stories, Jesus, so many lives, so many ways of being human.

*So why are we satisfied with so few?*

Why do we keep telling the same stories over and over,  
*of the wealthy and powerful and beautiful?*

Why do we so carelessly pass by the rich and unpredictable stories  
*of the unseen*

who in a million magical ways,  
*make a life out of nothing?*

God, forgive our narrow interests, and our lazy entertainments;

*Make us biographers of the least,*

who listen to the untold stories of the shadow people,  
*and bring them into the light.*

Give us the curiosity and the restlessness to search out the forgotten,

*the neglected,*

*the unwanted,*

*the discarded,*

*and the worn out,*

to learn their legends,  
*and to acknowledge their place in the epic story of humanity.*  
*Amen.*

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

*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** Luke 1:68, 77-78

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** ~ Sarah Huiest

**DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD** ~ Linda Murphy

**SOLO 418** “America, the Beautiful”

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

### **Jeremiah 29:5, 7**

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ... But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

## THE MORNING MESSAGE “How To Discover Our Own Welfare”

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

*The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us, binding us in one, as we share him together.*

This is something we do eagerly.

*Christ welcomes us here.*

This is something we do seriously.

*For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.*

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence of the Lord"*

#### \*APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15). The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

## THE OFFERING

### OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

## THE PREFACE

HYMN "Holy Lord" (3 times)

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Holy, holy, Lord God almighty,  
your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.*

## THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

*We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.*

Yet we rebelled against your will.

***In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant.***

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

***Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.***

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

***He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion.***

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

***We beheld His glory.***

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

***After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His followers and beaten.***

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

***Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, He was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.***

Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

***By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper in true and unconditional love.***

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## COMMUNION PRAYER

***Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:***

*Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again.*

"GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Glorify Your Name

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify your name in all the earth;  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify your name in all the earth;  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify your name in all the earth;  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

*Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched,  
we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of  
your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house  
filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love  
for those who are around us and who share our lives. We  
pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

HYMN 632 "The Lord's Prayer"

MALOTTE

*Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy 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 the evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, forever,  
Amen. Amen.*

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Beth Colbert

TAIZÉ RESPONSE

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.  
Come and Listen to me*

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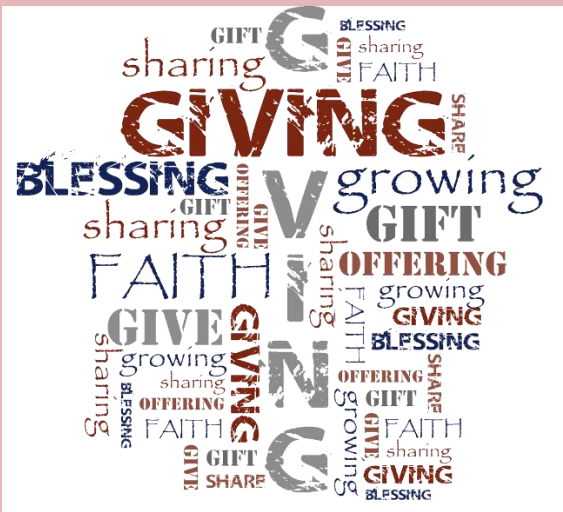
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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Monday, September 13 at 5:30 pm

**The Quilt Group** will have its first meeting of the season. The group will gather under the pavilion, weather permitting. (If not, we will meet in the sanctuary.) We will not be doing any sewing at this meeting. Instead, the meeting will include some time for new members to get to know the group, time for members to share their summer sewing, and a discussion of the upcoming projects for Shaker Place. We will provide instructions, fabric, and pattern ideas for the projects, as well as samples. We will meet following CDC guidelines. Masks will be needed for indoor gatherings. Please bring: items you have made over the summer to show and share, fabric and/or patterns you are willing to share with the group, a folding chair, a face mask.

### Wednesday, September 15

**6:30-7:00 pm - Elders** will meet at the Church

**7:00-9:00 pm - Consistory** will meet at the Church.

### Sunday, September 26 at 9:00 am

**Sunday school** will resume for children in **Grades 3-6 ONLY**. Also, children in 3rd and 4th grade will receive their first Bible in worship Sunday, September 26th. Please see Sarah Huiest with questions.

### October Newsletter

Articles for Cross and Comments are due Wednesday, September 15th. Please submit articles to Sarah Huiest directly or email them to [crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com)

### Nursery Worker Position Available

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie is looking for a positive, friendly, caring, and responsible individual to care for children (newborn to age 4) during programs and worship on Sunday mornings.

## **Responsibilities:**

- Providing a safe environment for the children.
- Changing diapers and feeding children as agreed upon with parents.
- Keeping the nursery clean and organized.
- Maintaining a visitor log.

## **Hours:**

8:30-12:15, but may be reduced due to Covid-related program restrictions to 9:30-12:15.

Interested applicants can contact Sarah Huiest at [crccsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crccsarah@gmail.com)

**Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 3 pm**

There will be an **Ecumenical Service Remembering 9/11** at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. The service will be in person on a limited basis and available on Facebook Live. The latest information will always be on the CACC website [here](#).



Capital Area Council of Churches

## **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday – Proverbs 31:10-31

Tuesday – Psalm 1

Wednesday – Jeremiah 11:18-20

Thursday – Psalm 54

Friday – James 3:13-4:3,7:8

Saturday – Mark 9:30-37

Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Generous God, you are my maker and I trust in you.

Surround me with your favor today

that I may hear the cry of those in need

and share my resources with the poor;

in the excellent name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Good and constant God,  
I have endeavored to love my neighbor  
as myself today.  
Yet the needs are so great that I find my heart failing  
and my faith falling short.  
In your mercy,  
let the favor of Christ surround me with strength.  
Restore me as I rest in you. Amen

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