



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 1, 2021

Order of Worship
9:00 am

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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

“You have to get over the fear of facing the worst in yourself.
You should instead fear unexamined racism.
Fear the thought that right now, you could be contributing to the
oppression of others and you don't know it.
But do not fear those who bring that oppression to light.
Do not fear the opportunity to do better.”

— Ijeoma Oluo, *So You Want to Talk About Race*

PRELUDE "In the Palm of your Hand"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

INTROIT "Father"

CALL TO WORSHIP

We like to imagine you, God,
as a Divine version of ourselves,
and us as physically the spitting image of you;
We like to imagine your body just like ours,
with features that make us unmistakably your children;

And we struggle to imagine that you could possibly
look like those other people who are so very different from us.
***But if there's anything we need right now,
it's to be able to see your face
in every other face around us.***

And so we pray:
Open our eyes to see your presence, your likeness and your image
in every other person.
Open our hearts so we may feel compassion and connection
for every human we encounter.
Open our minds to learn and celebrate all the amazing ways
that our human sisters and brothers live and love.
***And open our arms to welcome all people,
regardless of who they may be
or where they come from,
and to enjoy all the wonderful gifts of creativity,
wisdom, and life that each one brings.***

Amen.

HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

***1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,***

*my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

*3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Divine Artist,
We celebrate and praise your infinite creativity,
the innumerable ways that Life is manifest
the limitless colors, shapes, and ways of being
that fill our universe;
And we celebrate the way you are revealed in every one!

Forgive us when we fail to recognize the dignity and divinity
within those who look, speak, or believe
differently than we do,

Forgive us when we dismiss, ignore, or harm anyone,
through our attitudes, words, and actions,
simply because 'they' are not like 'us'.

***Give us hearts, minds, and souls to recognize and celebrate
all the different ways that your beauty is revealed
within us, our neighbors, and our world.***

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace” (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 Luke 1:68, 77-78

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ~ Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Jerry Kallner

CALL TO OFFERING

We praise you, O God, for the meaning that you give to our lives in and through Jesus.

*He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for the world
and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us with his life.*

Let us offer our gifts to God.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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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 DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Lord Jesus Christ, may we bless others by the blessings we receive as we are nourished and fed by your life - spiritual food which endures and transforms lives. May we bless others by being signs of your transforming work in the world, sharing bread with the hungry and witnessing to our belief in you. Amen

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Beth Colbert

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:9-17

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 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.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Just Race: A Rainbow World

Integration Here? ... Now?

Private Kindergarten Takes the First Step

The Virginian-Pilot
and
The Portsmouth Star



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"Free play" period: Two little girls and a doll.

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 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.*

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THE FOURFOLD AMEN

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