



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024

Order of Service – 9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

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

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

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

“We can't pray that God make our lives free of problems;
this won't happen, and it is probably just as well. ...
But people who pray for courage, for strength to bear the unbearable,
for the grace to remember what they have left
instead of what they have lost, very often find their prayer answered.”

— Harold S. Kushner

PRELUDE “The Heart of Worship”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

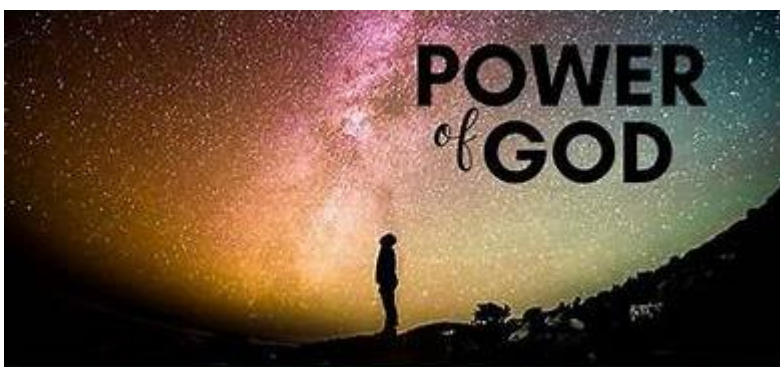
THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

INTROIT “Make Me a Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.
*The morning stars sang together and
all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.*

From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.
*We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who commands and
raises the stormy wind and also makes the storm be still.
We ourselves have seen the wonderous deeds of the Lord!*



* HYMN 612 "How Firm a Foundation"

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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RESPONSIVE READING

We hear about the terrible things that happen to others, God,
and we are so glad that it wasn't us;

But, secretly, we wonder what they did to deserve it,
***and beneath our concerned expressions,
we smugly applaud ourselves for the goodness
that we believe keeps us safe.***

But, we're really not that different from these others, God;

We may speak a different language,
or wear different clothes,
***but we love and worry as they do,
and we struggle and doubt as they do,
and we even fail and sin as they do.***

The truth is, no one – not even our enemies -
deserves disaster any more than we do.

And so we pray for all the places in our world where people suffer,
where terrible things are happening,

and where all that is needed is grace and compassion.
and we pray that we may find in ourselves
***the grace that brings comfort and healing
to these hurting ones.***

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified”

***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.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most merciful God, forgive us.
We imagine that we can live without you,
When you give us our very breath.
We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity.
We allow fear to overtake us,
Even though our lives are in your hands.
Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the
likeness of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Jesus Remember Me" (3 times)

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.*

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 "Oceans Where Feet May Fail"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Life’s Toughest Question”



HYMN 519 "It Is Well With My Soul"

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

Refrain

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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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.
Amen.*

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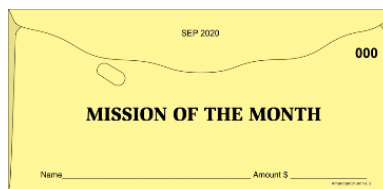
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