



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 15, 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

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

PRELUDE “Brother James’ Air”
“What Joy”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God
*is the life, the sustenance,
of all that is – seen and unseen.*

The Life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ
*is the re-creation, the renewed birth of every broken, wounded
and sinful creature.*

The breath you breathed, and keep breathing, O Spirit
*is the inspiration for creativity, compassion and community that
connects and unites all that God has made.*

Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God,
*our worship seeks to honor you
our hearts are devoted to you
and our lives are completely given over to you.
Amen.*

HYMN 768– “I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

*1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.*

*2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

***3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.***

***The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.***

***4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.***

***5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.***

THE RESPONSIVE READING

We are a world that is desperate for you, God.

When powers struggle for dominance,
and war, oppression and abuse result;
When groups of people oppose one another
because of ideology, religion or culture;
We need a God who is bigger than ourselves,
and our personal interests.

When people are disregarded and devalued
because of poverty, geography or disease;
When compassion and justice is withheld to some because of
sexuality, race or gender;
We need a Savior who is more compassionate than we are
who includes even those we would exclude.
When resources are mismanaged and abused,
and the world and its creatures are destroyed;
When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply
to address the challenges that we face;
We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative
than we could ever be.

Lord God, Loving Savior, Empowering Spirit,
*we offer you these prayers
because we need you so desperately.*
Captive us, call us and fill us,
*that we may be carriers of your eternal life to this world
that you love so dearly.*

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Lord is My Light” (3 times)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we pray God,
pretending we know best for ourselves
and those around us,
and seeking to control what is uncontrollable,
We reveal our idolatry.

Forgive us and help us, O God.

When we act like martyrs,
hiding our selfishness and brokenness
behind a mask of self-sacrifice
and self-righteousness
We reveal our lovelessness.

Forgive us and help us, O Christ.

When we fail to be the people we long to be,
repeating the same mistakes,
forgetting the same lessons,
losing heart and running out of energy and inspiration
We reveal our weakness.

Forgive us and help us, O Spirit.

Triune God, we need you to come to us again
as God,
as Savior,
as Counsellor.

Thank you that our forgiveness, healing and growth
lies not in how hard we work,
but in how gracious you are.

And so we pray, with all that we are:

Forgive us and help us.

For the sake of your Kingdom.

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” (3 times)

***Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit, come to us***

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Tina Bottini

CALL TO OFFERING

With the generosity that gives out of poverty;

With the humbleness to count self last and others with honor.

Thus we offer our gifts and ourselves to you, O Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God - you hold us firm through the power of your Spirit, and in Jesus you make clear that you withhold nothing from us. You offer us strength to withstand all that threatens to weaken our faith and our witness. Bless these gifts and our lives which we offer in response to your great gifts to us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Ellen Buono

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 SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23,32-49

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to

draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for

he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Five Smooth Stones"

HYMN "Blest are They"

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.*

*Refrain:
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!*

*2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.
(Refrain)*

*3. Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God!
(Refrain)*

*4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.
(Refrain)*

*5. Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,
shine for all to see.
(Refrain)*

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