



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 28, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

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

It ain't the heat, it's the humility.

~ Yogi Berra

PRELUDE “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo

INTROIT "Holy Ground"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Money talks and power makes the world go around,
or so they would have us believe;
And we, forgetting that other voice,
*join the march in hopes that we may find a place
among the rich and strong.*

But, you, O God, feel no shame,
fear no harm
*as you walk among the poorest and weakest
feeling completely at home.*

Thank you for the voice of your love
*that keeps singing of the power in weakness,
the wealth in simplicity,*
and the freedom and safety that is found
in walking your humble, serving way. Amen.

Let us worship God.

HYMN 532 "Be Thou My Vision"

*1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*

*3 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

RESPONSIVE READING

So many voices trumpet their greatness,
so many images boast of their beauty,
flaunt their power,
squander their wealth;

and all too many of them do so in your name, Jesus.

And here we are in a world which is daily broken
by the foolish arrogance
of men and women just like us;

***And so we pray for the healing of humility
to flood every corner of our world:***

wherever there is exploitation

and God-imaged people are dehumanized;

wherever there is neglect

and the needs of the poorest are ignored;

wherever there is disdain,

and the sacred value of creatures and earth are denied;

wherever there is violence,

and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.

Wherever people are tempted to think of themselves
as better than others,

***more worthy, more deserving, more important to you,
may your humility break in and challenge us,***

reminding us of our brokenness and need,

and teaching us to serve and to love everyone

with the grace and humility you show toward us.

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Bless the Lord" (3 times)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND 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.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ” (3 times)

***Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.***

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - Isaiah 44:21-22

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 “The Potter’s Hand”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Fullness of Life"

HYMN "Christ Beside Me"

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart.
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.*

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart.*

*Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.*

***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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GENERAL NOTICES

Today

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship at approximately 10 am. At this meeting elections for elders and deacons will take place and the 2022-23 budget will be presented. The meeting will be in the sanctuary. Also, the meeting will be streamed via Zoom.

Tuesday, August 30

Children at the Lord's Table communion class will meet at the church from 6:00 -7:00 pm.

Friday, September 2

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Sunday, September 4

Final 9 am Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 11

Sanctuary worship at 10 am. The Blessing of the Backpacks, The Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders will take place and The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Newcomer Orientation

Individuals interested in affiliating with the Community Reformed Church of Colonie are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation Sessions offered by Rev. Cornwell either on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour (8:50 - 9:40 am) or at a mutually agreed upon time during the week. There will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9th. These sessions will include discussions about Reformed Christianity, The Reformed Church in America, The Worshipping Community, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. These classes are also available to individuals who do not wish to affiliate with the church but who would simply like to know more about our denomination and church. For additional information, please speak to Rev. Cornwell.

Offering Envelopes - The offering envelopes will be on the table in front of the church this Sunday. Please pick up your set of envelopes after service. We have changed the envelope number for a few members of the congregation. If you have any questions please contact, Lori Cote at crccclori@gmail.com .

Sunday School Teacher Needed!!

We are looking for an individual to teach our 3rd-6th graders this fall. A curriculum is provided. Class meets from 9-9:45am on Sunday mornings beginning in September. See Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

Nursery Provider Needed! We are seeking an individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

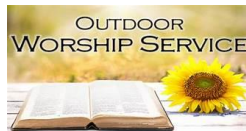
Volunteers Are Needed to Help with Outdoor Maintenance of the Church

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church? Below is a list of areas that need attention. For a more detailed description visit the Church website. You may also contact Kevin or Lori. Contact Lori Cote (crcclori@gmail.com), or Kevin Ingalls (kki243@verizon.net) Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

Fencing around HVAC units

Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road

Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary



**May 22 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM**

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others.

Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

ZOOM

To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Jeremiah 18:1-11
Tuesday - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Wednesday - Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Thursday - Psalm 1
Friday - Philemon 1:1-21
Saturday - Luke 14:25-33
Sunday Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

God, in the freshness of the
new day, help us to retain clarity of vision
so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom
rather than the honor of the world.
Sustain us throughout the day so that we might return filled
by the grace of your spirit. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of compassion,
help us to release the
regrets of the day into your care.
Refresh us in our sleep,
that we may rise in the morning confident in your love and strengthened in our
faith. Amen.

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