



Seventy-Times Seven
by Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Matthew 18:15-22
Digital painting

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024
Order of Service - 10:00 am

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

“Teach me Thy way, O Lord, teach me Thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford, teach me Thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with hean’ly light, teach me Thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me Thy way!
Where’er my lot be cast, teach me Thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey’s done,
until the crown is won, teach me Thy way!”

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” Text and music by B. Mansell Ramsey

PRELUDE “Be The Center”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER QUILT - We have a prayer quilt out this morning for Charlotte, the granddaughter of Diane Ogren's friend Lisa.

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Coté

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why are you here?

***I am here seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.***

I see it! You are in the right place! This is God’s house.
The door is open to you.

Why are you here?

I am also seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.

***We see that in you! You are in the right place!
This is God’s house. The door is open to you.***


Then let us worship God together.

Let us listen and learn from the Spirit God gives us. Amen.

* HYMN "Open Our Eyes" (2 times)



O-pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus, _____



to reach out and touch him, _____ and say that we love him. _____



O-pen our ears, Lord, _____ and help us to lis - ten. _____



O-pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

LEFT: How many times should I forgive?

CENTER: Jesus, where are you going?

RIGHT: What must I do to inherit eternal life?

ALL: We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

LEFT: Where does it hurt?

CENTER: What do you need?

RIGHT: How can I help?

ALL: We believe that God is a teacher.
LEFT: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
CENTER: Here I am, Lord.
RIGHT: Send me.

ALL: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage, with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We believe and so we follow and learn and share. 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

***Holy God, we long to be people of deep and devoted faith. Forgive us for thinking we know all we need to know.
Give us renewed curiosity.***

***Teaching God, we hear you inviting us to stretch our thinking and believing. Forgive us when we close our minds.
Give us a renewed desire to learn.***

Forgiving God, may your graceful forgiveness of us in our wrongs be the same response we give others and with the same compassion and love.

***May our questions be like Peter’s and lead us closer to you and stronger in faith.
In Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray, amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Shepherd Me, O God” (3 times)

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

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 “Tabernacle”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Matthew 18: 15-22

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-times seven.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
“Teach Me”

*HYMN "The Servant Song"



Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear__ the load.
speak the peace you long__ to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*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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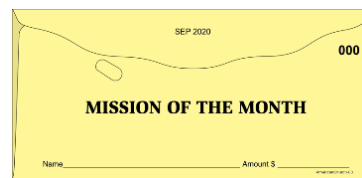
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