

Twenty-first

Sunday

after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Order of Service –

10:00 am



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.

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

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

CONTEMPLATION

"Living in the present moment is the recurring baptism of the soul, forever purifying every new day with a new you."

~Alaric Hutchinson

PRELUDE "As the Deer

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER Shawl - We have two prayer shawls out this morning. One Prayer Shawl is for Gianna Mason in celebration of her baptism and the other is for Jean Kaercher who recovering from health challenges. After worship, please come forward, and say a prayer for Gianna and Jean.

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

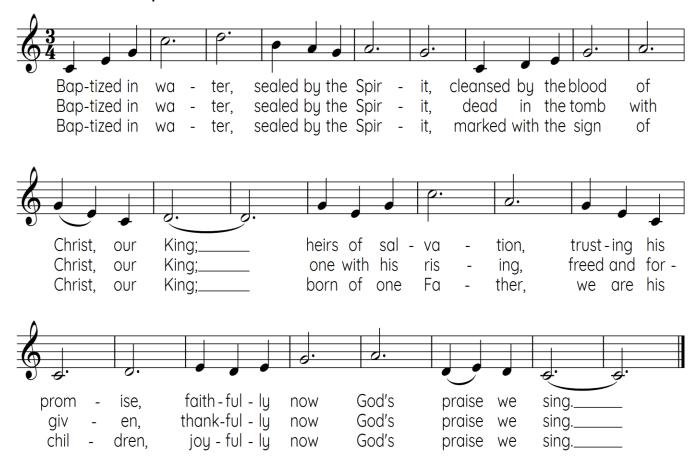
INTROIT "The Heart of Worship"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live! May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail. **May the Lord our God show us grace.**

* HYMN 758 "Baptized in Water"



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, our God, and before one another that we have sinned greatly, in thought, word, and deed. We have offended your holiness. We have failed to love our neighbor. We have followed the devices of our own hearts and have spurned the promptings of your Spirit. Through our own fault, we have deserved your judgment. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "The Kingdom of God" (3 times)

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace And joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Sarah Huiest

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Marv Helf

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 "What a Beautiful Name"



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gianna Meadow Mason

Beloved in the Lord, the Sacrament of Baptism is a visible, holy sign and seal instituted so that God may more fully reveal and seal to us the promise of the gospel, that because of the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross we are, by grace alone, granted the forgiveness of our sins and given new and eternal life.

In baptism God promises:

To forgive our sins;

To adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;

To send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us; and

To resurrect us to eternal life.

In baptism God reveals and seals to us the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who through the sacrament begins the work of new life in us and daily renews us, setting us apart to be members of Christ, calling us to new obedience: to love and trust God completely; to forsake the evil of the world; and to live a new and holy life.

Yet, when we fall into sin, we must not despair of God's mercy, nor continue in sin, for baptism is the sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

The sign and seal of this promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

Water cleanses;

Water purifies;

Water refreshes;

Water sustains:

Jesus Christ is the living water.

After his resurrection, Jesus said to his disciples:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

It is in fulfillment of our Lord's institution and command that we now celebrate the sacrament of baptism.

On behalf of the Board of Elders, we are pleased to receive **GIANNA MEADOW MASON** for the sacrament of baptism. We ask her parents, Lauren and Carl, to please come forward with her that together we may affirm our faith, renew our commitment, and ask for God's grace and blessing.

Beloved in the Lord, you stand before us having brought Gianna to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Therefore, before God and Christ's Church I ask you to sincerely answer these questions:

Do you accept the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ revealed in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as the only way to eternal life?

Do you acknowledge that you, along with Gianna, are sinful by nature but that by the grace of God alone your sins are forgiven so that you may be brought to new life in Christ?

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and the whole world?

Do you promise to pray for Gianna, for yourself and for others, asking God's guidance in training Gianna as together we seek to grow in knowledge and understanding of the faith?

Do you promise to show in your own person the joy of new life in Christ; by active participation with Gianna in the life of the church and by faithfully offering your prayers and gifts to the glory of God?

WE DO AND WE ASK GOD AND GOD'S PEOPLE TO CONTINUALLY HELP US.

Would the congregation please rise.

Do you promise to love, encourage, support, and nurture Gianna by sharing the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian life and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service to her and her parents?

WE DO AND WE ASK GOD TO CONTINUALLY HELP US.

Together let us confess our Christian faith through the words of the 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.

Institution of Baptism

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Baptism"

HYMN "You Are My All in All"



*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.

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace"

Worship Team

Worship Leader Tina Bottini

Elder of the Day Karl Coté

Deacon of the Day

Marv Helf

Liturgist Ana Crosbourne

Welcome Host

BJ and Debi Todd

Coffee Hour Host **Linda Murphy** Music Director **Ben April**

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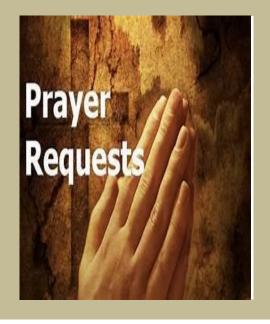
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