



Thanksgiving Worship

New Member Sunday

November 20, 2022

Order of Service - 10:00 am

* - 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

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

~ Melody Beattie

PRELUDE “Blessed Assurance”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God stretches out the heavens
and shapes the earth.

Come and give thanks!

God raises up the mountains
and pours water into the seas.

Come and give thanks!

God calls forth plants from the soil
and forms animals in infinite variety.

Come and give thanks!

God breathes upon us
and fills us with life.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God gives our lives meaning
through laughter and tears.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God touches our hearts
through family and friends.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God loves us and blesses us
with everything good.

Come and worship!

God loves us and overwhelms us
with never-ending generosity.

Come and worship!

God loves us and surrounds us
with love in abundance!

Come and worship!

~ from the Mennonite Church Canada website.

* HYMN 34 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

***1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain:

***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
give thanks and sing.***

***2 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth! [Refrain]***

***3 Yes, on through life’s long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe, [Refrain]***

***4 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array;
as warriors through the darkness toil
till dawns the golden day. [Refrain]***

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father
for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation,
in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink,
our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love,
and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work,
and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous,
who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints,
in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks
for the great mercies and promises
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

~ written by Greg Goebel

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (3 times)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God,
that we have taken your creation for granted.
You have given us
the run of the land,
the pick of the crop
*and we have squandered these resources,
distributed these unfairly,
vandalized their beauty,
violated their purity.*

Forgive us, God,
that we have taken your kingdom for granted.
You have given us
the seeds of faith,
the fruits of the spirit,
*and we have misused these resources;
displayed them rarely,
bestowed them grudgingly,
ignored them blithely.*

Thank you, God,
that you are stronger than our destructiveness
and greater than our meanness,
that you give us a fresh start, a second chance.
*Overwhelm us with the power of your resurrected love.
Compel us with the challenge you issue for change.
Lead us in the conquest of our own limits and restrictions.
Drive us towards a new life of peace, justice and integrity.
Amen.*

—written by Janet Orchard

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come & Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS ~ Psalm 145: 18-19

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 “Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “An Amazing Truth”

*HYMN 496 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (2 times)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

RECEPTION INTO COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

Benjamin April
Reaffirmation of Faith

Kyyra Howard
Reaffirmation of Faith

Amber Tobin
Confession of Faith

Pamela Zepf
Reaffirmation of Faith

PRESENTATION

VOWS

PRAYER

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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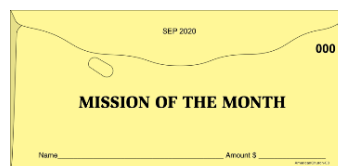
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You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crcclori@gmail.com.



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ZOOM

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