



PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022
Order of Service - 10:00 am

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

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”

~ Henri Nouwen”

PRELUDE “The Basin and the Towel”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

THE INTROIT “Sanctuary”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

When we're hurting, God, joy seems somehow inappropriate;
Laughter feels insensitive and naïve in the face of suffering,
and smiles can come across as mocking those who grieve.
But it is when we are in pain that we most need joy;
our tears and our giggles are not mutually exclusive,
and together they empower, comfort and heal us.

*And so we gather on this day of mixed emotions—
the joyful procession as Jesus and his followers entered
Jerusalem where they would soon grieve his death—
and we open ourselves to joy
in the midst of our struggle and grief.*

Amen.

*HYMN 204 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” ST. THEODULPH

*Refrain:
All glory, laud and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One! [Refrain]*

*2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply: [Refrain]*

***3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present: [Refrain]***

***4 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise: [Refrain]***

***5 Thou didst accept their praises—
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]***

***THE RESPONSIVE READING**

Jesus, you headed into Jerusalem,
the place where you would be judged,
and you chose a different response.

***Where others displayed power and invoked fear,
you showed the joy that could be found in laughter,
dancing and celebration.***

In our own our history,
we see times when joy was the best response
to oppression and possible defeat.

***We are thankful for these recent examples
that show us that we are capable of overcoming
anything that feels like it will rob us of life.***

In the face of injustice, oppression and pandemics,
may we remember what strength we have in joy.

***May we cling to the small things that bring us joy
in our everyday lives.***

When we notice those around us being treated unfairly,
or drowning in the struggles they're facing:

***May we feel that glow inside us
and offer some of our joy to them.***

May we be those who will not be broken down

*and forced to stay in the darkness.
May we be those who radiate joy in our corner of the world,
knowing that this is one way for us to overcome the
darkness.
Amen.*

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Sing Praise” (3 times)

*Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!*

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

We have faced some dark times in our world,
and we long for the light at the end of the tunnel
that is not yet visible.

It's easy to feel like we're drowning in negativity,
and overwhelmed by conspiracy theories and fake news.
We have lost sight of the light and life that joy can bring.

During this time as we reflect on our lives,
we are tempted to get caught up in self-recrimination
and repentance of sins.

***We sometimes get lost in the despair and guilt
and believe that your forgiveness must be earned.***

But you have never wanted us to live according to a checklist,
your grace and love have never been conditional.

***Thank you for your extravagant love,
your abundant grace,
and your deep longing for us to live our best lives.***

We praise you, Jesus, for the way you navigated your suffering;
as you faced your death,
and those in power who were determined to silence you.

***You knew that joy is irrepressible,
and you revealed the strength we can gain from clinging to
joy.***

Thank you for never losing your joy
*for choosing forgiveness, compassion and love
even in the darkest moments.*
Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come O Lord & Set Us Free” (3 times)

*Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE ~ John 1:12

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ~ Vicki Lane

THE DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Mar

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Glory in the Cross”

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on

it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Cling to What Brings You Joy"

HYMN "We Adore You, Jesus Christ" (3 times)

*We adore you, Jesus Christ,
and we bless your holy name;
truly your cross and passion
bring us life and healing,
truly your cross and passion
bring us life and healing*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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.*

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The Irish Blessing

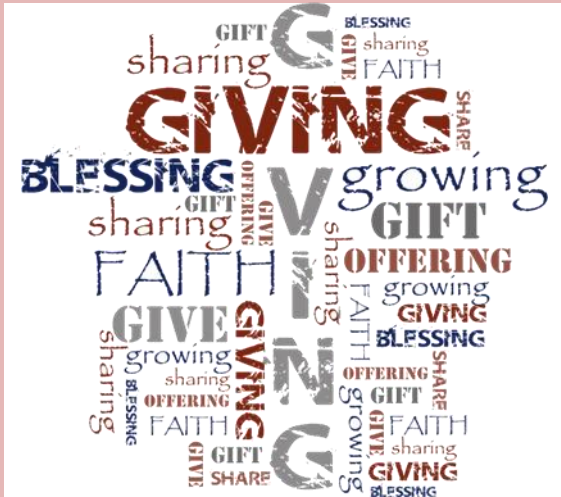
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Tuesday, April 12

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 4:00 to 4:30 pm


Thursday, April 14

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Friday, April 15

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

Camp Fowler – It's not too early to plan for summer 2022. If any children are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, there are scholarships available. Contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239 for further information.



HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

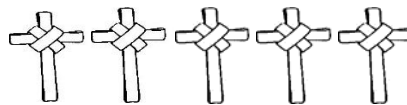
Passion (Palm) Sunday
April 10
10 AM

Good Friday
Tenebrae
April 15
7 PM

Easter Sunday
April 17
10 AM

All services will be in-person or live-streamed on Zoom.

They will also be posted to Facebook and YouTube in the days to follow.



Passion Sunday Crosses

The palm crosses that were distributed in our Paschal Parcels were handmade by families in several villages in East Africa, to supplement meager incomes.

Sales help support community projects such as agricultural and vocational training, schools, water systems, and emergency relief.



Easter Ribbons of Hope

Again this year we will adorn our Easter Cross with Ribbons of Hope.

On these ribbons we ask you to write or draw your hope for Easter 2022 – hope for yourself, family, community, world, or whatever is on your heart during these difficult days.

The ribbons will be attached to the Lenten cross which has been made from the trunks of Christmas trees. This symbolically follows Christ's life from His birth through His resurrection.

We ask for your ribbons to be returned today and placed in the basket on the back table or mailed to the church office this week. You do not have to sign your name to the ribbon.

On Easter morning, we will celebrate the glory of our Risen Lord with our Easter hopes.



**April 15
7 PM**

Tenebrae, or "Service of Shadows," is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church for the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ. Through scripture readings and hymns the story of Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion is told. As the Passion story unfolds, candles are removed symbolizing the fleeing of the disciples. The darkness deepens, until only the Christ Candle remains.

This light is removed from the sanctuary representing Christ's crucifixion and death. The Light of our Church returns in glory Easter morning.

Due to the somber intensity of this service, child care is provided for children 2nd grade and younger.

This service will also be live-streamed on Zoom.



**April 17
10 AM**

Christ our Lord is risen. Alleluia!

Celebrated against the background of the shadows and darkness of Lent and Holy Week, Easter Sunday expresses the hope that God has brought into the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

All services will be in-person or live-streamed on Zoom. They will also be posted to Facebook and YouTube in the days to follow.

The April Mission of the Month for the Community Outreach Team is YWCA of the Greater Capital Region in Troy. “Women come to YWCA-GCR in times of crisis, for safe and affordable housing, help with basic needs, such as food and clothing, victim advocacy, help with addiction, job training and career counseling, and case management. Some stay for just a few weeks, some for many years. We give women and women with children a second chance and a fresh start, by providing transitional and permanent housing combined with 360° of support in order to empower them to be able to achieve their goals and to become self-sufficient. YWCA-GCR staff can coordinate a variety of supportive services, such as financial literacy, job readiness training, education development and TASC preparation, clothing, food and make referrals for mental health, chemical addiction treatment, and advocacy.”

Monetary donations can be given utilizing your yellow “Mission of the Month” offering envelopes or by check made payable to **CRCC** with **“YWCA” in the memo.**

We will also be collecting the following NEW items. They may be dropped off at the church or shipped directly to Sarah Huiest’s home. Questions? Email Sarah crccsarah@gmail.com.

- Twin size blankets
- Twin size sheet sets
- Twin size waterproof zip-style mattress covers
- Towel and washcloth sets
- Toiletries: Deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.
- Diapers (Size 2,3,4,5)

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 in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Hebrews 9:11-15

Tuesday - Isaiah 49:1-7

Wednesday - John 13:21-32

Thursday Maundy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-14

Friday Good Friday - John 18-19

Saturday - John 20:1-18

Sunday Easter Sunday

Household Prayer: Morning

God, as I enter into this new day,
I ask that you keep me mindful
of the profound nature of this Holy Week.
Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms
and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world,
mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
If I remembered today my betrayals of you,
remind me now of your steadfast love for me,
as I give this day into your hands and rest in peace. Amen.



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