



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



November 14, 2021

Order of Worship
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

“Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift.
That is why it is called the present.”

~ Alice Morse Earle

PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP

We celebrate the dream of peace:
Not only the absence of conflict,
***but the presence of true compassion
and community;***

We celebrate the dream of justice:
Not only appropriate consequence,
***but radical, inclusive dignity
and equality;***

We celebrate the dream of goodness:
Not only an end to corruption and evil,
***but the nurture of extravagant integrity
and love;***

We celebrate the dream of salvation:
Not only life beyond the grave,
***but present wholeness
and restoration for all;***

Here and now, O God, we, your people,
give you thanks and praise
***for the dream, and the reality,
of Shalom.***

HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

***1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.***

***2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.***

***3 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.***

***4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Following you, Jesus, is a hard thing to do;
So many seek to tell us the “right” way,
***and too many of these paths are filled
with violence and hatred.***

These roads are easy,
they make us feel strong and vindicated,
***and they give us the shallow pleasure
of watching our enemies hurt.***

But, when the dust settles, we realize
that we have lost some our humanity,
and we have lost our connection with you.

In the end we cannot deny that you are a God of peace,
a God of the cross, and of forgiveness spoken
with your dying breath.

***And for this we are grateful,
for if it were not so we would have no hope
because we too have offended you.***

We praise you, God, for peace;
for your compassion and grace
***that refuse to allow our worst selves
to define our relationship with you;***

for the quiet, inexorable silencing of violence
that grows among us
as we seek to follow your peace-making ways.

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

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS ~ Titus 3:4-7

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ~ Marissa Lombardo

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Ellen Buono

ATHEM “Jesus is My Lord”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:1-8, 32-37

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at

dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Keep On Keeping On"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CALL TO COMMUNION

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us, binding us in one, as we share him together.

This is something we do eagerly.

Christ welcomes us here.

This is something we do seriously.

For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence of the Lord"

*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.

PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15). The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

HYMN "Holy Lord" (3 times)

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.*

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.

Yet we rebelled against your will.

In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we

continued to break your covenant.

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion.

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

We beheld His glory.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His followers and beaten.

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, He was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.

Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper in true and unconditional love.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again.*

"GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Glorify Your Name

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

*Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched,
we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of
your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house
filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love
for those who are around us and who share our lives. We
pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

HYMN 632 "The Lord's Prayer"

MALOTTE

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy 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 the evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever,
Amen. Amen.*

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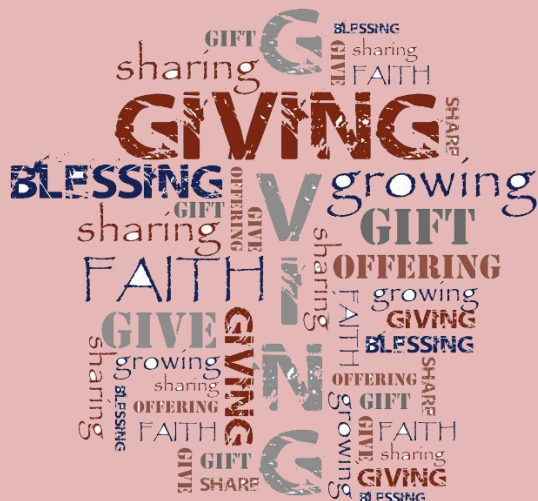
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Monday, November 15

"Shirley's Shawls" - the prayer shawl ministry of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 15th in the gathering room. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to join us. Please contact Linda Murphy, lindamurph98@aol.com, with any questions.

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

6:30-7:00 pm - Elders will meet at the Church

7:00-9:00 pm - Consistory will meet at the Church.

Thursday, November 18

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

The Wired Word Bible Study - 7:00-8:00pm

Service of Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 21
10 AM

“Now Thank we all our Lord with heart and hands and voices” – and pens!

Even though we will no longer have our Thanksgiving Eve service, we would like the Thank You Chain tradition to continue. You have been sent strips of white and gold paper in a mailing. Please prayerfully write down your thoughts of thanks and bring them with you on November 21. All our strips will be linked together to form a chain of thanks that will encircle our Chrismon Tree. For those of you worshipping at home, please drop off your paper strips or return them by mail to the church office prior to November 21. There are extra strips and a container on the table near the sanctuary door. We would love to see pictures of people working on them at home. If you are able to send some snapshots to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com), we would love to include them on our social media accounts. Even during times of difficulty, we still have much for which to give thanks.

Together we will be again joined in gratitude for our Lord’s continual blessing.

THANK YOU ~

To everyone who contributed children’s books last month! The youth group sorted and leveled 218 chapter books and 178 pictures books that were donated to Grassroot Givers for their Day of Simple Giving. Sarah Huiest donates new to like-new children’s books all year round, so please feel free to reach out to her any time with book donations.

Colonie Community Day Care Center’s Christmas Wreath Sale ~

This year the Day Care is offering two sizes of wreaths. 12” wreath for \$30. and a 16” wreath for \$35. You may choose red, plaid, or burgundy ribbon or choose a whimsical ribbon (ex. snowman, dogs, cats, gnomes or others). Order forms will be on the table at the back of the Sanctuary, or you can email Carol at cgrasso9@yahoo.com . You may also order by phoning Carol at 518-869-0131. The orders are due by November 24th. The wreaths will be in during the first week in December. Thank you for your support!

Sunday School Teacher ~ We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

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

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656



Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order your poinsettias!

Given by:_____

In memory of:_____

In honor of:_____

Total Plants ordered:_____

Cost: \$10 per plant

- ☐ **Cash**
- ☐ **Check** (Made payable to Community Reformed Church)
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**Please return this order including payment
to the church office
by December 12**

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