

# Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023 Order of Service - 9:00 am

**Outdoor Worship** 

# 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

"God for us, God alongside us, God within us."

~ Richard Rohr, The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation

PRELUDE "As the Deer"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**INTROIT** "Make Me a Servant"

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God is the life, the sustenance, of all that is - seen and unseen.

The Life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ is the recreation, the renewed birth of every broken, wounded and sinful creature.

The breath you breathed, and keep breathing, O Spirit is the inspiration for creativity, compassion and community that connects and unites all that God has made.

Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God,

our worship seeks to honor you

our hearts are devoted to you

and our lives are completely given over to you.

Amen.



## \* HYMN "We Are Called"



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we play God, pretending we know best for ourselves and those around us, and seeking to control what is uncontrollable, we reveal our idolatry.

Forgive us and help us, O God.

When we act like martyrs, hiding our selfishness and brokenness behind a mask of self-sacrifice and self-righteousness, we reveal our lovelessness.

Forgive us and help us, O Christ.

When we fail to be the people we long to be, repeating the same mistakes, forgetting the same lessons, losing heart and running out of energy and inspiration, we reveal our weakness.

Forgive us and help us, O Spirit.

Triune God, we need you to come to us again as God, as Savior, as Counsellor. Thank you that our forgiveness, healing and growth lies not in how hard we work, but in how gracious you are. And so we pray, with all that we are:

Forgive us and help us. For the sake of your Kingdom. 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 GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD** - Kevin Bottini

**SOLO** "Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

**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."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Go and Make Students of All Nations"

#### 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.

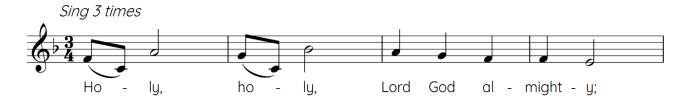
We lift them to the Lord.

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)





## 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.

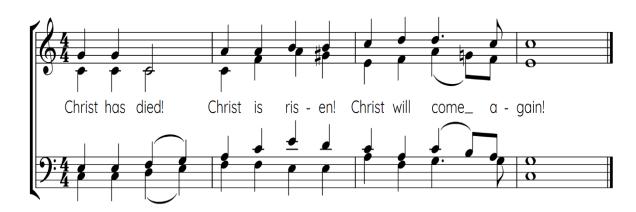
Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

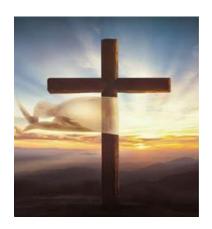
By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper in true and unconditional love.

## 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:





## "GLORIFY YOUR NAME"



## **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** "The Lord's 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.

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister of Word and Sacrament Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell

> Elder of the Day **Linda Murphy**

Deacon of the Day **Kevin Bottini** 

Liturgist **Lou Ann Connelly** 

Soloist **Ben April**  Sound Technician **John Lombardo** 

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Coffee Hour Host **Debi & BJ Todd** 

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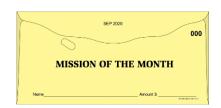
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The special offering envelopes for June.

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 <a href="mailto:crcclori@gmail.com">crcclori@gmail.com</a>.



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.

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Meeting 1D. 000 000 7 133

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## **Prayer E-Chain**

## Please email prayer requests to:

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