



*The Eighteenth Sunday After
Pentecost*



October 9, 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

“Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes
doesn't mean he lacks vision.”

~ Stevie Wonder

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, friend to all,

Give us the grace and the love to stretch out our arms wide and embrace, in your name, all those whom you love, especially those persons with disabilities.

Jesus Christ, hope of all the nations,

Help us to be a church that is welcoming and accepting, and which sees in everyone an expression of you.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, we pray,

That we may recognize and promote the gifts of all people, so that each of us may, in our own ways and with our own abilities, participate in the mission of Jesus Christ.

Give us the courage to be lights of welcome in the darkness of exclusion, a voice of gentleness in the wilderness of the unheard, and an outstretched hand of love to those longing for community, that we may welcome in Christ's name all who are sent our way.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN 77 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Verses 1,2,4

*1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.*

THE RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord calls us as his covenant people to care for each other.

We who belong to Christ must answer his call to serve each other in his name.

Remarkable examples in the Bible teach us how God uses each member of the community in surprising ways to enrich and enlarge the church.

Our Lord is our supreme example. He wanted and welcomed people with disabilities whom society rejected as useless.

We have not always made it possible for people with disabilities to participate fully in this community. We have often isolated them and their families.

We pledge ourselves to be the caring church we should be, paying special attention to the needs and gifts of people with physical, sensory, mental, and emotional impairments.

We pledge ourselves to remove the barriers which keep these people from being fully included in our fellowship:

The barrier raised by attitudes we hold which make those with disabilities feel unwanted among us; the barrier raised by communication we carry on which ignores those who don't hear, see or learn like us; the barrier raised by architecture we tolerate which makes it hard for some people to join us.

Lord, alert us to barriers. Teach us to eliminate them; and show us that in serving we will be served. AMEN.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing Praises” (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 CONFESSION

Lord, you are the giver of life and the God of love. You made each person in your image, and you tell us in your word to love each other as you have loved us. Yet, as we think over this past week, we know we have failed to follow that command.

***Forgive us Lord when instead of loving all people, we choose to love only those who are like us and are easy to love.
Forgive us when we turn away from people who look different or think differently.***

We confess that we cannot love as you have commanded us to on our own. You tell us that love lays down its life for others, and you showed us that on the cross.

But we are weak and selfish. We cannot even lay down our preferences and rights for others, let alone our lives.

Teach us Lord. Though we are weak, you are strong.

Fill us with your love and compassion for all people so we have eyes to see those around us in need of love. Give us hands and feet willing to reach out. Stir us to invite others to use their gifts for your glory.

As you have loved us, help us to love others.

In your name we pray, Amen

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” (3 times)

***Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit, come to us***

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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 “Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “We Must Serve Or We Die”

*HYMN 357 “Earth and All Stars”

Verses 1,2,5

*Refrain,
He has done marvelous things,
I too will praise him with new song!*

*Earth and all the stars!
Come, rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, Victory!
Order from chaos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

Refrain,

*Hail, wind and rain!
Come, blowing snowstorms!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees!
Soft rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

Refrain,

*Knowledge and truth!
Come, piercing wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Children of God,
Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

***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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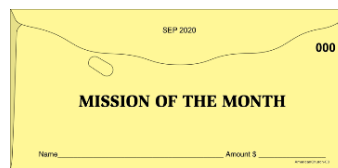
Mailing Address:

Community Reformed Church of Colonie
701 Sand Creek Road
Colonie, NY 12205

Special Offering Envelopes –

There are three special offering envelopes for October

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 crclori@gmail.com.



GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Choir Rehearsal – Choir will rehearse before (9:00-9:30) and after (11:15-12:00) worship. We will continue that rehearsal schedule through the fall.

Monday, October 10

The Quilt Group will meet from **2:00-4:00** at church to continue working on holiday place mats for Meals on Wheels and the residents and patients at Shaker Place. To date, more than 40 Halloween, fall, and Thanksgiving themed place mats have been sewn and quilted. These will be delivered soon after Monday's meeting. The remaining three meetings, scheduled for October 24, and November 14 and 28, will focus on Christmas, Hanukkah, and winter themes. Even if you lack a sewing machine, or have little or no sewing experience, you are invited to participate. All hands are welcome. You can get more information from Lou Ann Connelly.

Tuesday, October 11

The Gathering Zoom – will be resuming at 4 pm.

Wednesday, October 12

CRCC Men's Group will meet at the church 6:30- 7:30. Please RSVP using the Sign Up Genius link,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-theccrcc>

Thursday, October 13

The Gathering Zoom - 6:15 pm. **Please note that we will be meeting 15 minutes earlier than we have in the past.**

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

Lesson - “Companies in the U.K. Exploring Four-Day Workweek”

Friday, October 14

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

Newcomer Orientation

Individuals interested in affiliating with the Community Reformed Church of Colonie are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation Sessions offered by Rev. Cornwell either at a mutually agreed upon time during the week. There will be six sessions. These sessions will include discussions about Reformed Christianity, The Reformed Church in America, The Worshipping Community, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. These classes are also available to individuals who do not wish to affiliate with the church but who would simply like to know more about our denomination and church. For additional information, please speak to Rev. Cornwell.

The Community Outreach Team of Community Reformed Church is seeking volunteers to assist with supplying dinners to the Overflow Shelter at the First Lutheran Church in Albany. We supply the shelter with dinners two Wednesday's a month. For further information and to sign-up to volunteer, please follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-overflow2>

If you have any questions contact Tina Bottini at tinambo85@gmail.com or Vicki Lane at vlane1020@gmail.com.

The October Mission of the Month

Shawn Bredice Memorial Scholarship. Shawn Bredice graduated from Colonie High School in 2010. He continued his education as a post graduate and a participant in the Life Skills Program. Shawn loved school and he especially loved his job at Panera Bread, where he was hired full time as a result of being an outstanding worker while attending the work experience program.

Shawn was a special education student his entire life but his limitations never stopped him! It was his strengths that brought him success! Shawn died on May 29, 2015. He would have wanted to help other students have the opportunities he had. Students who strive to do their best should be recognized, whether their goal is college, vocational training, or to enter the workforce.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student in the Life Skills Class and/or a student earning a CDOS CREDENTIAL who excels in the following areas: Attendance, Peer Support, Positive Job Reports, and Demonstrates Positive Growth throughout his/her High School career. Students applying for this scholarship should be a senior or a post grad before or in their exit year of Colonie High School.

The Bredice Family Charitable Fund has given \$8,000 in awards in the last 6 years. To contribute to this scholarship, you can donate through your yellow October Mission of the Month offering envelope, or by check payable to CRCC with "October Mission of the Month" in the memo.

Hurricane Ian Relief Mission

Together Rising is standing with the families devastated by this horrific tragedy. With countless homes completely destroyed and more than 300,000 homes and businesses without power, these essentials are bringing much-needed relief to families who have almost nothing left.

Every penny is being deployed to our partner activated on the ground, The Smile Trust. Their team has successfully coordinated thirteen activation hubs to distribute critical supplies to families in desperate need of help, including water as shown above, non-perishable food, tents, first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, hygiene, medical and cleaning supplies, and more.

You can donate by sending a check to the church, made out to Community Reformed Church of Colonie or by using this link,
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/xVzQ0A?vid=uopnd>

Sunday School Teacher Needed!!

We are looking for an individual to teach our 3rd-6th graders this fall. A curriculum is provided. Class meets from 9-9:45am on Sunday mornings beginning in September. See Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

Church Calendar

Committees and groups, please help us to be sure our Church Calendar is up to date with any meetings or activities that are planned. This way we won't have time and space conflicts. Contact the Church Office at crccclori@gmail.com to have your date added to the calendar. If this will be a Zoom meeting we will also need to know and we will add you to the schedule for Zoom meetings.



November 6

10 AM

*On this special Sunday,
our church family gives thanks to God for
"all the saints from whom their labors rest".
Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles
we honor those who we dearly love
and will always remember.*

The CRCC Men's Group is getting back together this fall!

You are invited to join the men of the church for dessert and coffee/tea, and some conversation about our common Christian faith.

The first gathering will be on Wednesday, October 12 from 6:30 - 7:30PM at the church. We will continue meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

Please RSVP using the Sign Up Genius link,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-thecc>, to let us know if you plan to attend."

If you would like more information, please contact Mark Kaercher (markkaercher1971@gmail.com), B.J. Todd (toddb@sysmex.com), or Mike York (32myork@gmail.com)

**Fall is Here...Winter is sadly around the corner
We need assistance in getting the Outdoor Maintenance of the Church done
before the cold gets here
Please Help!!!**

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church?
Below is a list of areas that need attention.

For a more detailed description visit the Church website.
Contact Lori Cote (crcclori@gmail.com), or Kevin Ingalls (kki243@verizon.net)
Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

Fencing around HVAC units

Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road

Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary

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 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

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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Philippians 4:4-9
Tuesday - Jeremiah 31:27-34
Wednesday - Psalm 119:97-104
Thursday - Genesis 32:22-31
Friday - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Saturday - Luke 18:1-8
Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endings,
of packing up decisions of keeping
and leaving of saying goodbye
the practice of closing and tidying
of moving the finality of distance between
of newness, the lonely silence of emptiness.
Grant me the strength to start over. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Generous God,
a day of worship, a day of rest
a day in community,
a day to be blessed,
a day for offering,
a day for welcoming,
a day of remembering,
a day of reckoning—
this is the day, the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice, and be glad in it.
Amen.

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