



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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

“A kind gesture can reach a wound
that only compassion can heal”

~ Steve Maraboli

PRELUDE “A Wilderness Wandering People”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world where compassion often seems absent,
and where the presence of compassion is often seen as weak,
lacking justice,
and foolish,
we come to worship to be reminded
of the compassion of Christ,
and its transforming power.

***And we open our hearts and lives
to receive God's compassion again
that we may learn to live more deeply and intentionally
with true compassion. Amen.***

*HYMN 66 “The God of Abraham Praise”

***1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.***

***2 He by himself has sworn,
we on his oath depend,
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend;
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
forevermore.***

**3 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy!” cry,
“Almighty King!
Who was and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.”**

**4 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham’s God, and mine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.**

***THE RESPONSIVE READING**

Jesus, you have called us into living a life filled with compassion, you have shown us how to live the way of love, peace and justice.

Even when the world treated you badly, you always chose to respond with compassion, showing that evil won’t have the last say.

You resisted evil in every form, but you kept your heart open, you didn’t become cold or empty.

Give us courage to face the injustices of the world and strength to not become the monsters we are fighting.

We think of those who have been hurt and bruised, often by people they entrusted to care for them.

May we reach out to them in love and offer your healing and peace.

We think of those who oppress and bully, who break down and destroy.

May we remember their humanity and extend grace to them, offering them your healing and love.

We have all experienced hurt from those we love, but we have also unintentionally hurt those who love us.

May we show mercy by not holding grudges, and may we be brave enough to heal the brokenness we've caused.

Thank you for reminding us that we are capable of holding onto light even in our darkest moments.

May we take that light into the world, shining our irrepressible compassion into the darkness around us. Amen.

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Bless the Lord” (3 times)

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, it's easy for us to judge others, to quickly determine whether they are deserving of compassion.

We are sorry for trying to play God, for taking the responsibility of deciding another's worth.

Jesus, you look upon our world, much like you looked upon Jerusalem, and you weep for our lack of compassion.

We are sorry for demanding compassion for ourselves, while keeping compassion from those we deem unworthy.

Yet, you never stay mad at us, you never keep a record of our failures.

We thank you for always showing love and grace towards us in our brokenness.

You have shown us that compassion in a broken world is possible, that evil won't ultimately win.

Thank you for being hope in a world that is sometimes clouded with fear.

We long to live lives that are filled with joy, love and compassion. And we are listening for your word. Amen.

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

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

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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 “Everlasting God”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Who Lives In You?”

***HYMN “Love the Lord”**

*Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength*

*I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength*

*I will love you, I will love you.
I will praise you, I will praise you.
I will serve you, I will serve you.
I will trust you, I will trust you.
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will love you Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength*

***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.*

Minister of Word and Sacrament
Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell

Director of Music Ministries
Benjamin April

Soloist
Marissa Lombardo

Choir
**Tina-Marie Bottini
Michelle Braungard
Maggie George
Kaaren Haushalter
Marvin Helf
Kevin Ingalls
Pam Izzo
Marissa Lombardo
Lisa McGee**

Elder of the Day
Linda Murphy

Deacon of the Day
Marv Helf

Children's Message/Liturgist of the Day
Mark Kaercher

Sound Technician
Jerry Kallner

Video Technician
John Lombardo

The Call to Worship, the Responsive Reading and the Prayer of Confession were written by John van de Laar.

Copyright Licenses

A Wilderness Wandering People

Words & Music: John Strathdee

© 1996 Desert Flower Music

Used by Permission. CCLI License # 21149226

Change My Heart, O God

Words & Music: Eddie Espinosa

© 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

Used by Permission. CCLI License # 21149226

Bless the Lord

Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé

© 1991, Les Presses de Taizé,

GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Used by Permission: One License A 719501

Shepherd Me, O God

Contributors: Marty Haugen

Tune: © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Text: Psalm 23; adapt. by Marty Haugen;

© 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Used by Permission: One License A 719501

Everlasting God

Words & Music: Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

© 2005 Thank You Music

Used by Permission. CCLI License # 21149226

Everlasting God

Words & Music: Lincoln Brewster

© 2010 Integrity's Praise! Music

Used by Permission. CCLI License # 21149226

The Irish Blessing

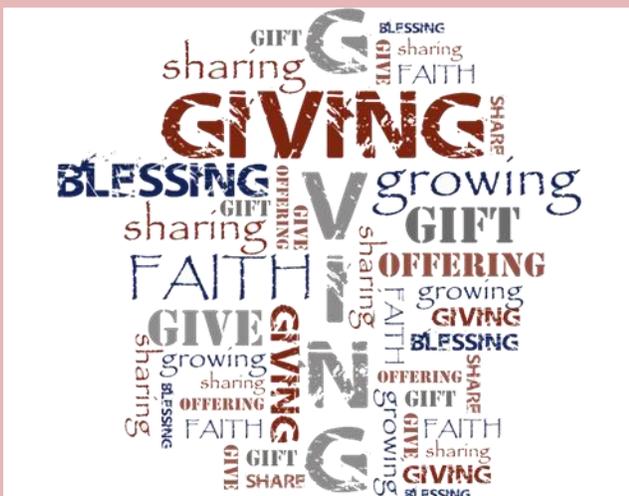
Words: Traditional

Music: Benjamin April

© 2021 Benjamin April

Used by Permission. Benjamin April

Offerings and gifts to the church may be submitted online via PayPal (link found below or on our website), by mailed check, by direct bank payment or by placing them in the offering box located near the exit.



PayPal:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=N67JS9D5MLMGS

Website:

www.communityreformedchurch.com

Mailing Address:

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

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Tuesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 17

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

Friday, March 4

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

Aid for Ukraine – We will be collecting donations to send to Direct Relief. Direct Relief is working directly with Ukraine’s Ministry of Health and other on-the-ground partners to provide urgently needed medical aid, including emergency response packs intended for first responders, oxygen concentrators, critical care medicines, and much more. You may donate with a check payable to CRCC with "Direct Relief" in the memo, envelope provided in your bulletin, or you may mail a check to the Church.

Or you may donate directly via this link:

<https://www.directrelief.org/place/ukraine/>

The March Mission of the Month is the City Mission of Schenectady. “City Mission of Schenectady, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Our ministries are seeking to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community.” They provide food, shelter, clothing, employment assistance, and emotional/behavioral support.

You can support the City Mission by utilizing your yellow “Mission of the Month” offering envelope for March, through written check made out to CRCC with “March Mission of the Month” written in the memo, or by direct donation on their web site:

<https://www.citymission.org/donate/> .

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.



The Lenten Cross which hangs behind the pulpit was created by our worshippers who participated in the Ash Wednesday service. On each slip of folded paper nailed to this cross we have privately acknowledged our separation from God. This cross is fashioned from a Christmas tree trunk symbolizing both the birth and death of our Lord.



Service of Healing

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.

**Mark 1:41
Sunday, March 27
10 AM**

This special Lenten worship service calls upon Our Lord who is the Great Physician to touch us with his healing hand and anoint us with his soothing oil.

For those worshipping in person, there will be anointing with oil in the midst of our ordained elders and pastor.

For those worshipping at home, if you would like to be prayed for during this service, please send your name to

Bruce at brucekornwell@gmail.com or **Sandy** at crccsandy@gmail.com . Only your name, no personal details, will be shared with the worshippers.



Easter Flowers

All plants are \$10 each.

Because of supply limitations, orders must be submitted by
MARCH 30

- _____ Lily
- _____ Gerbera Daisy
- _____ Mum
- _____ Tulip
- _____ Hyacinth
- _____ Daffodils
- _____ Kalanchoe

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Total number of plants: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Flowers supplied by George's Market and Nursery.
Checks should be made payable to CRCC.



Community Reformed Church
701 Sand Creek Road, Colonie NY 12205
crcclori@gmail.com
518-869-5589 www.communityreformedchurch.com

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

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH OF COLONIE STAFF AND CONSISTORY

STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell, Pastor
BruceKCornwell@gmail.com

Ben April, Director of Music
benapril27@gmail.com

**Sarah Huiest, Youth
Coordinator &
Communication/Media Coordinator**
crcsarrah@gmail.com

**Lori Coté
Church Office &
Video Technician**
crcclori@gmail.com

CONSISTORY

Elders

Karl Coté
Ana Crosbourne
Marissa Lombardo
Linda Murphy

Deacons

Kevin Bottini
Ellen Buono
Marvin Helf
Kevin Ingalls



Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

Sandy Cornwell
crccsandy@gmail.com
Karen Latta
kmlatta@nycap.rr.com

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Isaiah 55:1-5
Tuesday - Isaiah 55:6-9
Wednesday - Psalm 63:1-8
Thursday - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Friday - Luke 13:1-5
Saturday - Luke 13:6-9
Sunday - Third Sunday in Lent

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, I do not know all of the challenges
that face me this day, but still I pray:
if I should be tempted by desire for earthly gain,
remind me of my citizenship in heaven.
If I should be distracted by hunger,
satisfy me with your Holy Spirit until I hunger no more.
Let me walk in the way of Christ
so that my life testifies in deed and word,
“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God, great is your mercy to me,
even when I have not remembered you.
Where I have strayed from your path,
forgive my sins and show me the way to salvation.
Grant me rest this night
that I may rise refreshed in my commitment
to the way of my Lord, Jesus Christ,
in whose name I pray. Amen.



The Community Reformed Church
of Colonie

701 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, NY 12205
Telephone: 518-869-5589

Website - www.communityreformedchurch
Facebook - facebook.com/coloniereformed
Twitter - [@ColoniaReformed](https://twitter.com/ColoniaReformed)

