



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023
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

We stand before a burning bush whenever other human beings share with us something of their relationship with God or something of the movements of their hearts. In such moments may we always realize that we stand on holy ground

~ Margaret Silf

PRELUDE "What Child is This?"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE -

INTROIT "Make Me a Servant"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see!

The light of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and love; it has overcome the darkness and brought new life.

Come and follow!

Christ our companion has redeemed our world. He draws us into a loving family from every tribe and family and culture.

Go and tell!

The Spirit has equipped us for service to love our neighbors as we do ourselves - to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

In God's love the nations of the earth will put their hope.

* HYMN 90 "Christ is the World's Light"

*1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother--
if we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!*

*2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him, and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!*

***3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother--
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!***

***4 Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!***

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the world around us.
Show us what we should see
but from which we hide our eyes.
Show us how people live in this world
and the reality of their days.
Give us courage to do what you ask
and to 'Come and see'.

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the shape of your Kingdom.
Show us what life could be like
if only we could see in wisdom.
Show us what we could do
to change things forever with you.
Give us courage to have a vision
and to 'Come and see'.

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the people all around us.
Show us what we should see,
but what we fail to notice.
Show us what people are saying to us
and what they long for.
Give us courage to be where you are
and to 'Come and see'.
Amen.

~ written by Susan Durber

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Blessing and Praise” (3 times)**

*Blessing and praise be given,
Blessing and praise be given
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,
Comes in the name of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your generosity is extravagant, Jesus;
your grace and mercy so freely given,
your love and presence so readily available,
your Spirit and strength so reliable.

We are so grateful for all blessings that we enjoy, and for the goodness they bring into our lives;
we praise you for your always coming Kingdom, and the abundant life it offers.

But, Jesus, we are also fearful, that your gifts may not be enough, that things may change and we may find ourselves in need,
and so we hoard your goodness, and separate ourselves from others;

Forgive us for our little faith,
and our selfish grasping;
forgive us for our failure to understand that your blessings are always meant to be shared;
teach us to stay always awake to your coming, and always ready to invite others in to the blessings you so freely share with us.

In Jesus' Name
Amen.

~ written by John van de Laar

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.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Jerry Kallner

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

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 “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-5

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “When God Wants to Get our Attention”

***HYMN “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”**

Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ Where
 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ Where

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's des - pair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and

where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____ 1. joy. _____ 2.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er

Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so

much to be con - soled as to console, _____ to be un - der - stood

as to un - der stand, _____ to be loved as to love with all my soul. _____

Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ It

is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in

giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in

dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

***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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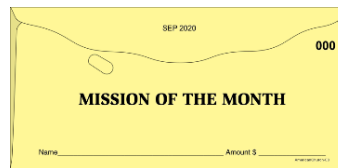
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In-Person Worship Guidelines - Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others. Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

ZOOM

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