



Third Sunday after the
Epiphany
January 26, 2025
Order of Service –
10:00 am

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.
✱ - Please rise in body or in spirit

Words of Welcome

“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

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.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.”

~Coretta Scott King

PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

They will say, “God is my refuge and my fortress. I will put my trust in God, the Lord”

The Lord will deliver you from the tests and trials of life. The Lord will cover you with arms of love and grace. God’s faithfulness will be your shield and strength.

***With joy and gladness we receive the blessing of the Lord.
With eager hearts and lives we offer the Lord the thanks of
our worship and the service of our lives.***

O give thanks to the Lord for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

***Blessing and honor, dominion and power belong to the Lord,
now and forevermore. Amen.***



* HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
fire___ of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made. For us all, and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who, with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the age to come. AMEN.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we often give more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your desire in our calling. We speak our mind without pausing to think of or understand others. Instead of telling the truth or confronting a falsehood, we keep silent to insulate ourselves. We act according to our opinions and desires rather than your commands. Even within the church, we have been slow to practice the kind of love you generously give us each day.

Lord Jesus, our teacher and mentor and friend - our savior - forgive us and help us to live as your disciples and be your faithful servants in our world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

***The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this promise of God: “I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will redeem you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the old heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will bless you with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and you will be saved.”

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. In him we have new life, a life of service for our Lord.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 4:14-22

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

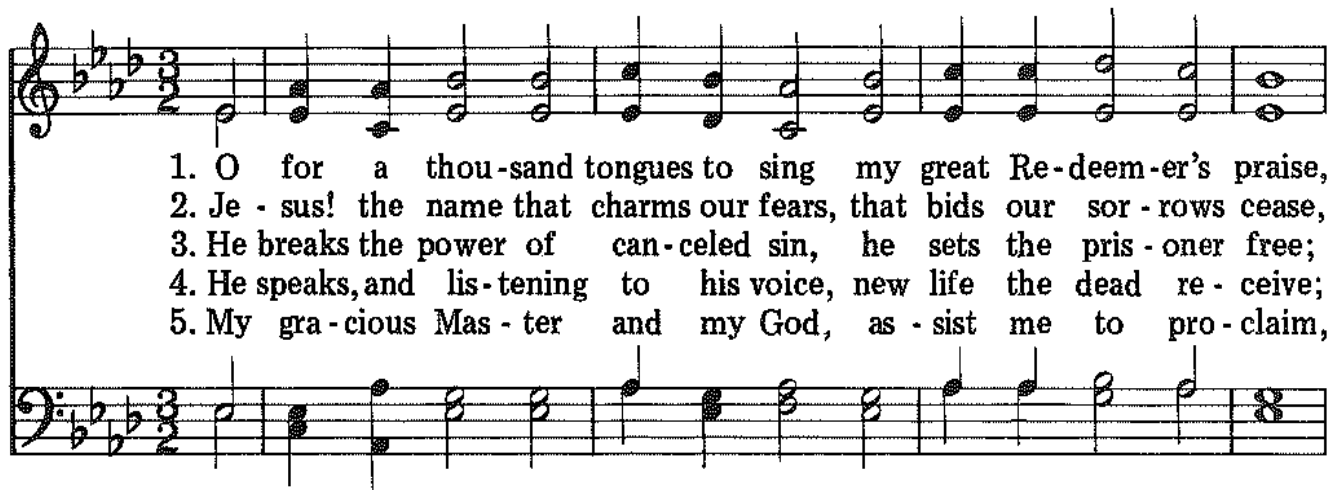
This is the Word of The Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Purposeful Living"

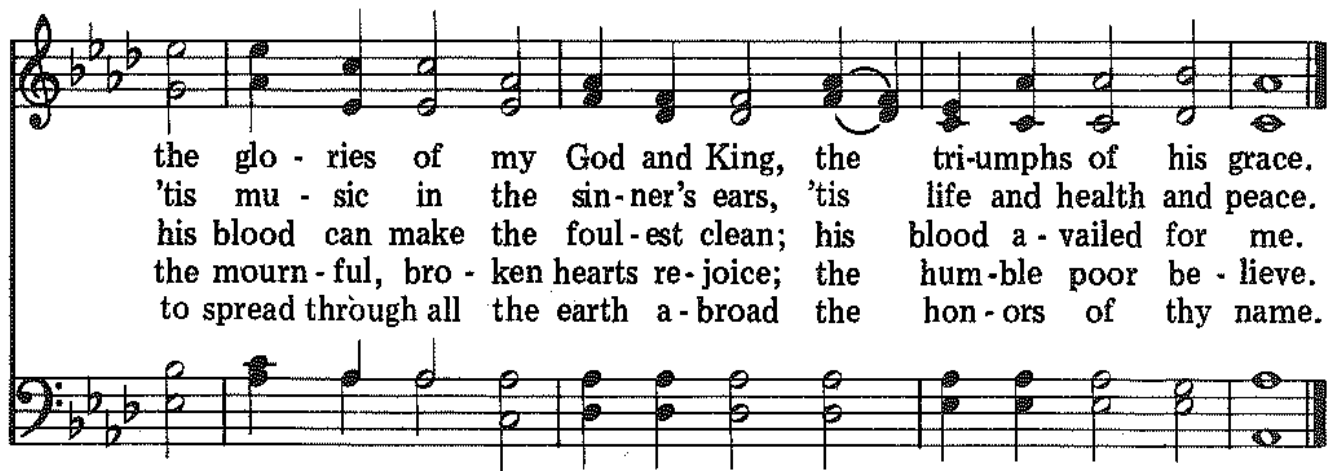
*HYMN 130 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 130

My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long. Ps. 35:28



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, he sets the pris - on-er free;
4. He speaks, and lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
5. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re-joice; the hum-ble poor be - lieve.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.

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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.*

POSTLUDE “Blessed Be Your Name”

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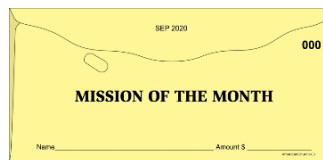
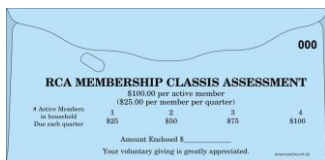
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