



**The Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost  
August 4, 2024  
Worship – 9:00 AM**

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### *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.



Today we are celebrating Communion. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders before the service. In the celebration of Communion, all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table. Please hold the elements until all have received them that we may commune together.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

**\* - Please rise in body or in spirit**

## FOR CONTEMPLATION

“I do not at all understand the mystery of grace –  
only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.”

Anne Lamott (From Traveling Mercies)

**PRELUDE** “Our Great God”

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**THE ELDER’S PRAYER** – Melody York

**INTROIT** “Make Me a Servant”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, Emmanuel has come! God is with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us worship God together.

*We open our eyes to see God’s glory.*

*We open our ears to hear God’s wisdom.*

*We open our hands to offer our gifts.*

*We open our mouths to sing God’s praise.*

*We open our hearts offering God all our love.*

*We open our selves in service for God.*

*We worship and glorify God with all that we have and are.*

## \* HYMN “All Who Hunger”



All who hun-ger, gath-er\_\_ glad - ly;\_\_ ho - ly\_\_ man-na is our bread.  
 All who hun-ger, nev - er\_\_ strang-ers;\_\_ seek - er,\_\_ be a wel-come guest.  
 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er;\_\_ Je - sus\_Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and\_ wan - d'ring. Here, in\_\_ truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and\_ roam-ing.\_ Here, in\_\_ joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and\_ long - ing.\_ Here, in\_\_ peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of\_\_ full - ness, all a-round us is our\_\_ food.  
 We that once were lost and\_ scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this\_\_ ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



Taste and\_ see the grace e - ter - nal.\_ Taste and\_ see that God is good!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (3 times)

*O Lord, hear my prayer  
 O Lord, hear my prayer  
 When I call, answer me*

*O Lord, hear my prayer  
 O Lord, hear my prayer  
 Come and listen to me*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

## DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

## ANTHEM “Come As You Are”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent.” So, they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

## THE MORNING MESSAGE - “What Do You Want?”

# CELEBRATION 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.*

This is something we do together.  
*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence  
of the Lord".*

## \*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.*

## \*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"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord\_ God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your

glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est!

## 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




Come to the feast of the reign of God; we are in-vit - ed to share!\_\_



Make no ex-cus-es, that you can't at-tend, sim-ply come, for your fam-ily is here!\_\_

*For around this table, you will find your family.*



2  
Come not be-cause you have to,\_\_\_\_ come not to prove you are saved,  
come not to speak, or to hear what's ex - spect - ed, have  
cour - age to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ leads!

*And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.*



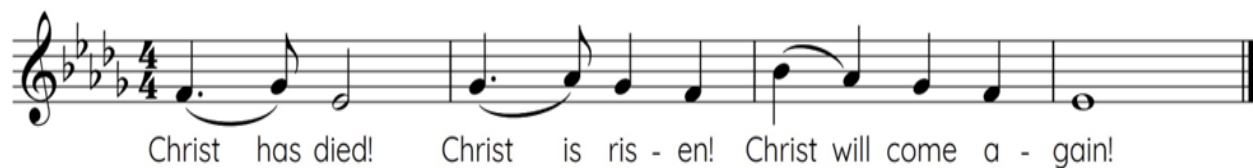
Come to the feast\_\_\_\_ of the reign\_\_\_\_ of God;\_\_\_\_  
we are in - vit - ed to share!\_\_\_\_ Bring all your sor - rows and  
all of your\_ joy; the bro - ken are all\_\_\_\_ wel-come here!\_\_\_\_

*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the  
broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*



Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!\_\_\_\_ Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!\_\_\_\_  
Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!\_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNION PRAYER



## GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"

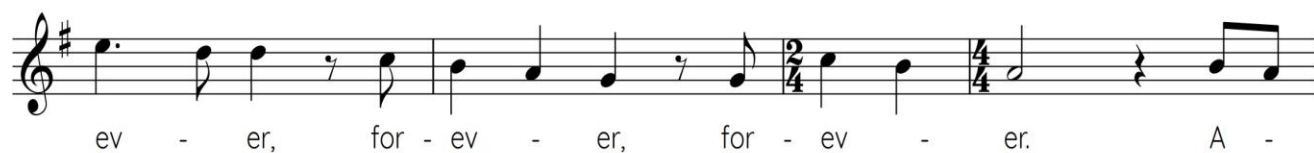
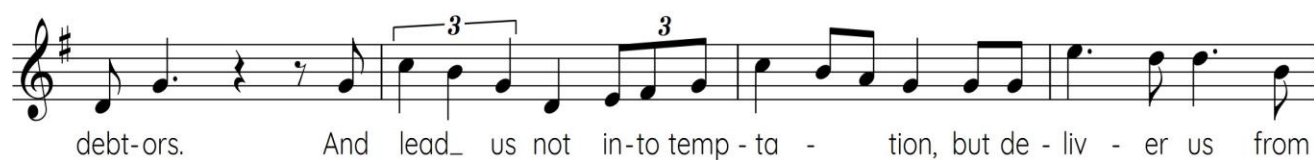


## COMMUNION

### 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.*

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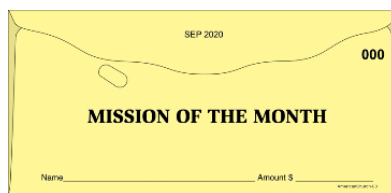
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See God, in every happy face,  
Hear God in every caring word.  
Receive  
God's blessing  
everyday  
of your life.

*May God's blessings  
shine upon you today.*

**GOOD MORNING**

Amazing Grace