



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



June 27, 2021

Order of Worship
9:00 am

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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

The love of one's country is a splendid thing.
But why should love stop at the border?

~ Pablo Casals

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

INTROIT "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

CALL TO WORSHIP - based on Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful;

seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

*The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!*

HYMN #502 - "Amazing Grace"

NEW BRITIAN

*1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

*2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;*

*'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home*

*5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

THE RESPONSIVE READING

We hear about the terrible things that happen to others, God,
and we are so glad that it wasn't us;

But, secretly, we wonder what they did to deserve it,
*and beneath our concerned expressions, we smugly applaud
ourselves for the goodness that we believe keeps us safe.*

But, we're really not that different from these others, God; we may
speak a different language, or wear different clothes,
*but we love and worry as they do, and we struggle and doubt
as they do, and we even fail and sin as they do.*

The truth is, no one – not even our enemies -
deserves disaster any more than we do.

And so we pray for all the places in our world where people suffer,
where terrible things are happening,
and where all that is needed is grace and compassion.

and we pray that we may find in ourselves
*the grace that brings comfort and healing to these hurting
ones. 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

Jesus said that the first commandment was this: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart all your soul, all your mind and all your strength, and the second commandment is this “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these” We hear what you are saying to us, Lord, but it is not easy in today’s society. Worshipping position and status, power and wealth seem to be the first commandments of life these days, and when we are so busy achieving these it doesn’t leave much time to care for, let alone love, our neighbor.

Help us to re-order our priorities, Lord, so that they are more in tune with yours.

Jesus: Savior and Lord, we confess that there are times when the pattern of our daily lives is modeled on other than worshipping God and caring for neighbor. All we seem to be creating is a feel-good, self-serving approach to life rather than your costly, self-emptying, servanthood lifestyle.

Lord, reconnect us to the desire to live out your commandments of love.

Jesus: Redeemer and Friend, your acts of caring and love, mercy and justice delivered people from lives dominated by injustice and corruption. We confess that when ‘economic rationalism’ rules the lives of people today, competition replaces compassion, ruthlessness replaces forgiveness, and wounding replaces healing. Yet, in the midst of all this you command us not only to love God wholeheartedly, and to love our neighbor likewise, you command us also to love one another as you love us.

Lord, stir us into action so that the signs of your powerful love are visible in and through us. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS ~ based on Psalm 91:14-15

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ~ Melody York

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Jerry Kallner

CALL TO OFFERING

You make us glad with the joy of your presence, O God, and fill our days with your steadfast love.

Day by day you meet us with goodly blessings; night after night your steadfast love upholds us.

Your glory is great; your help is unfailing.

We bow before your splendor and majesty, and praise your name.

In thanks to God, let us offer our gifts to God.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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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 DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

This offering and the service of our lives, express our love for you, O God. A love offered with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. May these gifts be used to reveal that love in all we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Ana Crosbourne

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.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 5:25-34

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "What is your "Unclean"?"

HYMN #45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*I Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--
name of God's redeeming love.*

*2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.*

*3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

BENEDICTION

THE FOURFOLD AMEN

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