



Twenty second Sunday

after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

10:00 AM

Order of Service

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.

CONTEMPLATION

“Entry into the kingdom lies open not for those who only learn the mysteries of faith and the commands of the Creator by meditating on them, but for those who put into practice the things they have learned.”

Bede Bede, from Homilies on the Gospels

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers gracing our pulpit area this morning is in Memory of Bruce Cornwell. Our beloved pastor.

PRELUDE “My Lord! What a Morning”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

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 “You Are My King”

I'm for-giv - en_ because you were for-sak - en. I'm ac-cept-ed;
 you were_ con - demned. I'm a - live_ and well,_ your
 Spir - it is_ with-in_ me because you died_ and rose a- gain._
 A-maz-ing love, how_ can it be_ that you, my King, would die_ for me?_
 A-maz-ing love, I_ know it's true; and it's my joy_ to hon - or you
 _ In all_ I_ do I hon - or you._

*CONFESSON OF FAITH (Belgic Confession Article 27)

***“We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church - a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.*”**

This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that as Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small in the eyes of the world - as though it were snuffed out.

And so this holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.”

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing Praises” (3 times)**

***Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!***

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 “Lord, Jesus Christ” (3 times)

***Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.***

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 GOD'S LAW

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 "Beside You"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and

acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Keeping Perspective"

HYMN "Love the Lord"



Love the Lord, your God with all_your heart,___ with all_your soul, with all_your mind,
 I will serve the Lord with all_my heart,___ with all_my soul, with all_my mind,



___ and with all_your strength.___ Love the Lord, your God with all_your heart,
 ___ and with all_my strength.___ I will serve the Lord with all_my heart,



___ with all_your soul, with all_your mind,___ and with all_your strength.___
 ___ with all_my soul, with all_my mind,___ and with all_my strength.___



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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 “Shall We Gather at the River”

Worship Team

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Rev. Robert Hoffman

Elder of the Day
Melody York

Deacon of the Day
Kevin Bottini

Liturgist
Mark Kaercher

Children’s Message
Mark Kaercher

Welcome Host
Pam Fitzpatrick

Coffee Hour Host
Lou Ann Connelly

Soloist
Ben April

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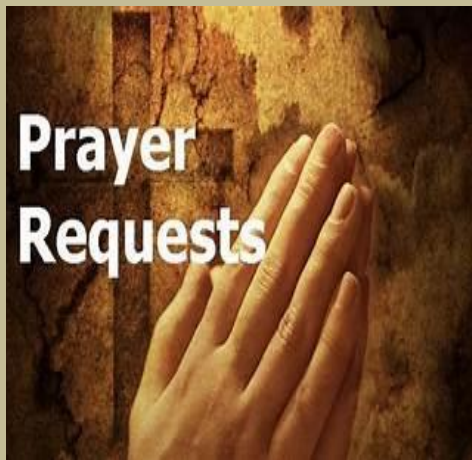
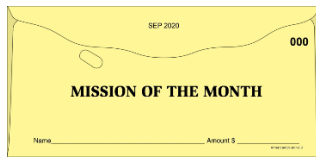
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DAY

the

LORD

was
made

Let us

REJOICE

and be

GLAD

in it

Psalms 118:24

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