



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



August 7, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

* - 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

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...

Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE “Table of Plenty”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Coté

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We thank You, Generous God, for the grace represented in all we possess. You have filled our lives with abundance and we thank You;
May we be Your channels of blessing to those in need.

You have given us friends and families, colleagues and companions, and we thank You;
May we be friends of the friendless and companions to the lonely.

You have given us this community to strengthen our faith and help us to serve You well;
May we be faithful followers and co-workers, building Your Kingdom in this world.

Receive our thanks and receive our prayers,
and let Your grace flow through them and through us into the lives of others.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 612 “How Firm a Foundation”

***1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***

***2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.***

**3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"**

RESPONSIVE READING

Your love, O God, is an active love:
engaged, involved, immersed.

Your love, O God, is seen in what you do, not just in what you say:
***in the blessing of children,
in the meals with outcasts,
in the touching of the untouchable,
in your presence,
and your self-giving,
in your opening of the way to life
to all who will come;***

And your love, O God, is expressed through people like us: as we
share our wealth in simplicity and generosity;
***as we share wholeness in care and healing of the sick
and broken;***

as we share hospitality by being truly present to the lonely, the
imprisoned and the marginalized;
***as we share peace in kindness, listening and acceptance
with those who challenge us, confront us and threaten us.***

As you have loved us in incarnate action, O God,
***may we learn to be little incarnations through
whom your love is expressed and experienced
in action. Amen.***

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!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND 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 of these 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.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come O Lord and Set Us Free” (3 times)

*Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - Isaiah 44:21-22

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Ellen Buono

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 “It is Well with My Soul”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a

distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Our Sixth Sense”

*HYMN 395 “How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

*1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.*

*2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear,
if worldly pressures fray the mind,
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.*

*3 We marvel how your saints become
in hindrances more sure;
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.*

*4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon--
all you endeavored done.*

***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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GENERAL NOTICES

Tuesday, August 9

Children at the Lord's Table communion class will meet at the church from 5:45-7:00 pm.

Friday, August 12

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Saturday, August 27

The Worship Team will meet at 9 am to clean "the dungeon", the choir loft, the choir room and all worship storage closets. Any help from the congregation-at-large would be welcomed and appreciated.

Sunday, August 28

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship at approximately 10 am. At this meeting elections for elders and deacons will take place and the 2022-23 budget will be presented. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outdoors. Otherwise, the meeting will be in the sanctuary. Also, the meeting will be streamed via Zoom.

Sunday, September 4

Final 9 am Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 11

Sanctuary worship at 10 am. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Children at the Lord's Table



Communion classes will take place at the church on **Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, and 30** from 5:45pm-7pm. For more information, please see Sarah Huiest crccsarah@gmail.com.

Sunday school teacher needed!!

We are looking for an individual to teach our 3rd-6th graders this fall. A curriculum is provided. Class meets from 9-9:45am on Sunday mornings beginning in September. See Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

Nursery Provider Needed! We are seeking an individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Outdoor Maintenance of the Church

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church? Below is a list of areas that need attention, at your convenience. Contact Lori Cote (crccclori@gmail.com), or Kevin Ingalls (kki243@verizon.net) Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

Fencing around HVAC units

All materials provided by Church. Tools required post hole shovel.

- (1) Dismantle entire fence and remove existing posts from ground.
- (2) Dig holes 2 feet deep, at 8-foot centers on all sides of HVAC units.
- (3) Place 4x4x8 foot posts into holes level, and pour into hole 1 bag of fast setting concrete mix. Add water and backfill.
- (4) Re-attach, or replace fencing as required. (level and secure)
- (5) Paint as needed with Dark Green Latex Ext Paint.

Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road

You will need to provide all tools such as loppers, brush remove tools (ETC)

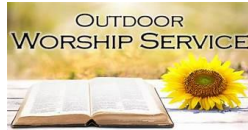
- (1) Starting at corner of Sand Creek and Watervliet Shaker and proceeding to rear of church.
- (2) On Church lawn side of the ditch trim and remove all brush and trees, about 2 feet in from lawn area already maintained by lawn mower.
- (3) Remove all debris and clear out area where sump pump drainage runs into ditch. (approx. near sign)

Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary

You will need to provide all tools, such as shovel, wheelbarrow, rakes, and (etc.)

- (1) First remove all weeds and brush from area.
- (2) Rake and level to enhance growth of grass, re seed if necessary.
- (3) Trench and bury Orange ethernet cable approx. 6 inches below ground.
- (4) When finished area should be lawn mower ready, and accessible.

This list will also be on the Church website and updated as needed.



**May 22 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM**

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

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

To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS

The **Consistory** is currently accepting nominations to fill elder/deacon vacancies on Consistory, beginning in September.

There is **one vacancy** on the **Board of Elders** (Hospitality and Congregational Care- 4-year term) and **one vacancy** on the **Board of Deacons** (Creation Care and Stewardship - 4-year term) to be filled.

Those elected to the office of **elder** are called along with pastors to encourage spiritual growth among the members of the congregation and to help them walk in the way of Christ. Those elected to the office of **deacon** are responsible for the ministry of compassion and material maintenance, representing God's love and mercy in Christ. By bringing together the offices of pastor, elder and deacon, the **consistory** continues the full ministry of Christ in our day.

Nominees **must** be **active members** of the congregation.

I wish to nominate:

	Deacon	Elder
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your name: _____

(unsigned ballots will be discarded)

Worship Leader
Sarah Huiest

Elder of the Day
Karl Coté

Deacon of the Day
Ellen Buono

Liturgist
Melody York

Director of Music
Ben April

Soloist
Ben April

Technical Director
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Please email prayer requests to:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Isaiah 5:1-7
Tuesday - Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Wednesday - Jeremiah 23:23-29
Thursday - Psalm 82
Friday Hebrews - 11:29-12:2
Saturday - Luke 12:49-56
Sunday - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

On this new day, Lord,
make me watchful
for all that you are doing in the world;
keep me faithful,
that I may do your will in all things;
and hold me in your grace
as I seek to do the same for all I meet. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

Here at the end of the day, O Lord,
help me to entrust my cares to you.
Grant me grace for my failings
and rest for my weary soul,
that I may be strengthened
to do your will and share your love
when a new day dawns. Amen.

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