



The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023
Order of Service - 10:00 am

* - 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

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not."

~ Dr. Seuss

PRELUDE “Believer’s Prayer”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE –

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith,
*and guard us against the powers that would draw us away
from your love.*

Help us live according to your commandments,
that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us.

Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart
*and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the
vows of the covenant we share.*

May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others,
as we hold fast to the gift of faith.

Be with us as we worship you this day,
*and bless us with your light, that our time with you may be
filled with grace. Amen.*



* HYMN "Oh I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

Refrain:

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me. Oh, hands on me.

Leader:

Congregation:

Did ev-er you see the like be - fore? I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
 Oh, was - n't that a hap - py day.
 Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right;
 My Lord's done just what he said;

Leader:

Congregation:

King Je - sus preach - ing to the poor! I know the Lord's laid his hands on me. Oh,
 when Je - sus washed my sins a way!
 They fool all day and pray at night,
 He's healed the sick and raised the dead;

*RESPONSIVE READING

It's not always comfortable, God, but it is certainly good,
that you go straight for the heart.

You do not allow us to skate over the surface of life,
filling our days with dry legality, and pretend righteousness;
No, you come at us from the inside,
challenging our thoughts and attitudes, our motives and perceptions;
and shaping them into the fuel for change
that gives us hearts like yours, and lives that are lived from the inside out.

We praise you, O God,
for your uncomfortable grace, your transforming Spirit, and for the gift of lives lived with integrity and compassion from the inside out.

*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 CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways, observe your commandments, and love you as you have loved us. You offer us a community of abundant blessing, with rich soil to promote dynamic growth.

Yet we often turn away from you
to satisfy our own wants and desires.
We forsake the way of love and forgiveness,
giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling, and surrendering our lofty ideals to our baser inclinations.

Forgive us, O God. When we flee from your embrace,
draw us into community with you and with one another.

Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility,
*that we may reclaim our purpose and find nourishment and
growth in labors of love to bring your kingdom in our midst.
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 GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

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 “Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Love of Astounding Proportions”

Rev. Bruce Cornwell
with Rev. Richard Otterness and Deb Desnoyers



***HYMN “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**



I'm gon-na live so _____
 I'm gon-na work so _____
 I'm gon-na pray so _____
 I'm gon-na sing so _____

} God can use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _



— an - y - time!

} I'm gon-na live so _____
 I'm gon-na work so _____ God can
 I'm gon-na pray so _____
 I'm gon-na sing so _____



use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time!

***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.*

Worship Leaders

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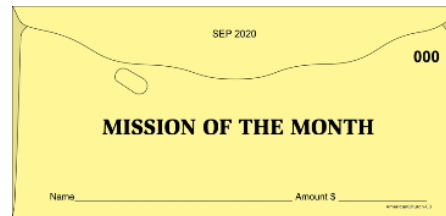
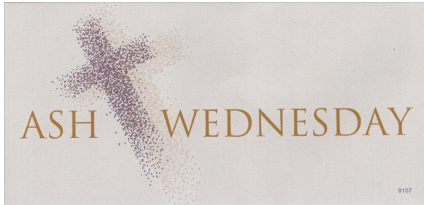
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Special Offering Envelopes –

There are three special offering envelopes for February.

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crccclori@gmail.com.



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://tinyurl.com/CRCCZoom>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Prayer E-Chain

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