



*Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 18, 2024*

Order of Service – 9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

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

“Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee; for Thou,
in Thine atonement, didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne.
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.”

(verse 1 of “Living for Jesus” words by Thomas O. Chisholm)

PRELUDE “Breathe”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Coté

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our worship is in the name of the Father,
***The one eternal God in whom we live and move and
have our being.***

Our worship is also in the name of the Son,
***Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom
the love of God is made known among us.***

Our worship is in the name of the Holy Spirit,
***The Counselor by whom we become the people of God and
the church of Jesus Christ.***

Come, let us worship. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

* HYMN 532 "Be Thou My Vision"

Unison



1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er
 3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Traditional Irish hymn, c. 8th C.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH “The Apostles Creed”**

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION “In The Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (3 times)**

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God. Forgive us and bring us back into the fullness and wholeness of our covenant promises with you and one another. Send your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us lest we stray and lose our way of following and serving you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me” (3 times)

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

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 “10,000 Reasons”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Living the Good Life”



HYMN 60 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

60 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Lam. 3:22-23

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The first system contains the first three verses. The second system contains the continuation of the lyrics. The third system contains the final lines of the hymn.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

***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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The Irish Blessing

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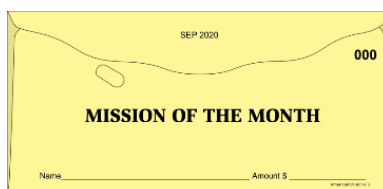
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