



Second Sunday after Pentecost

***Sunday,
June 11, 2023***

**Outdoor Worship
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

“The habit of prayer, the ritual, simple fidelity to the act, showing up to do it irrespective of feelings and mood, can sustain prayer for a lifetime and rein in the roaming of the head and heart.”

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, “Prayer Our Deepest Longing”.

PRELUDE “The Power of Your Love”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE PRAYER QUILT - This morning's prayer quilt is for Bruce Cornwell.

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, in this time of worship, hear our prayers.

Hear us now, as we stand in the midst of so much wrongdoing in our world.

Help us hear your voice amid the cacophony of sounds that surround and distract us.

Help us focus on what is truly important – living faithful lives and being of service to you and to all your people.

May this time apart strengthen us to resist evil and to embrace justice in your steadfast love.

May this time with you focus our awareness that Christ lives in each one of us. Amen.



*HYMN 612 "How Firm a Foundation"

How Firm a Foundation 612

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid. 1 Cor. 3:11

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

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✱RESPONSIVE READING

Glorious the grace

that refuses to wait until we deserve or earn it.

Glorious the grace

*that refuses to be rejected and that remains always available,
always inviting.*

Glorious the grace

*that refuses to be confined to places of privilege or dignity,
civility or decency.*

Glorious the grace

that reaches where law cannot go.

Glorious the grace

that embraces the comfortable and the untouchable.

Glorious the grace

that is equally at home in palaces and shacks.

Glorious the grace

*that is undiminished and undeterred by the variety of need,
the diversity of the needy, or the myriad languages in which
its message must be spoken.*

Jesus, Grace-Giver,

*we are in awe of you and the grace which you offer to all
whoever we may be. Amen.*

✱MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified”

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because you made the world
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children;
because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Because confusion can reign inside us,
despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy
distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things
out of all proportion;
because we do not always get it right,
we want to believe:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Because you have promised to hear us,
and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront,
control, forgive and encourage us,
as you know best.

Then let us cherish in our hearts
that which we proclaim with our lips:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Lord, hear our prayer,
and change our lives
until we illustrate the grace
of the God who makes all things new. ***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

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.*

SOLO “In Christ Alone”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:13-17, 1 Kings 19:11-13

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a

sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

MORNING MESSAGE “Practical Personal Prayer”



*HYMN 623 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" 4

623 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer . . . Acts 3:1

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe-
 world of care, and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make
 ti - tion bear, to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en -
 all my wants and wish - es known: in sea - sons of dis -
 gage the wait - ing soul to bless; and since he bids me
 tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief, and
 seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace, I'll
 oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 cast on him my ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

WORDS: William Walford, 1845
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1861

SWEET HOUR
 L.M.D.

*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.*

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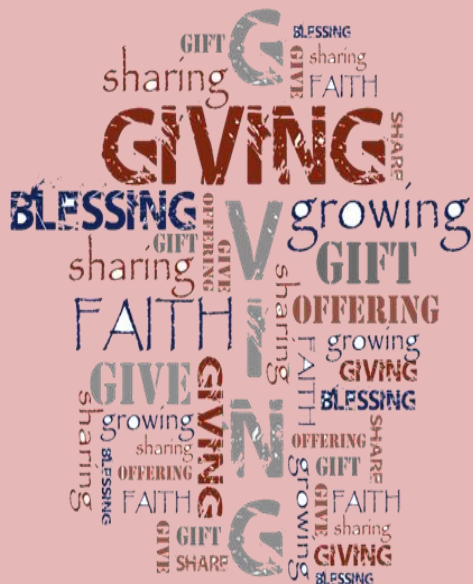
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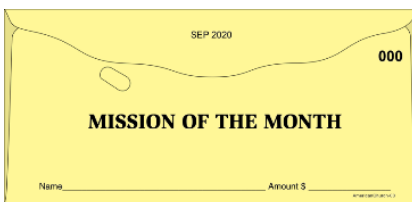
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Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others.

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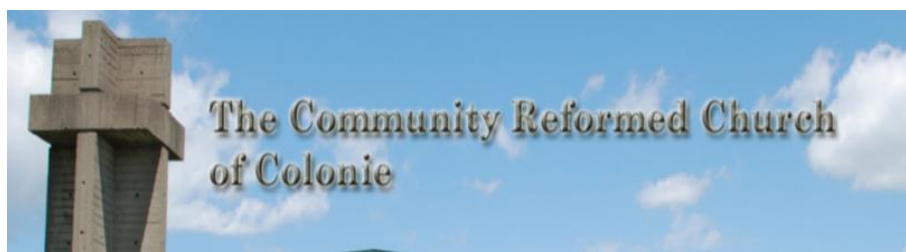
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