

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



***Sunday,
August 13, 2023
9:00 AM***

Outdoor Worship
Order of Service

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

Enjoy the little things,
for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

~ Robert Brault

PRELUDE "The Potter's Hand"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Côté

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow you, Jesus, today as we worship;
*In words of love and devotion sung and spoken,
In service and kindness,
in shared life and sacred meal.*

And all we need do to follow you as we leave this place
*is to continue saying and doing to others -what we bring to
you in this hour.*

And so we pray for praise and affirmation
to empower our families and communities;
For confession and forgiveness
*to reconcile personal and national enemies, and lead us into
integrity and goodness;*
For thanksgiving and generosity
to curb our greed, and overcome poverty;
For intercession and compassion
to heal the broken, defend the weak, and guide the powerful.

As you feed us now, Jesus, in our worship,
may we become, again, your body
which nourishes the world,
and embraces all people with kindness.



*HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
fire___ of love in our flesh and our bone.

✱RESPONSIVE READING

In every place and every time,
in every relationship and every interaction,
You are God.

You are God to the poor and to the wealthy,
to the weak and to the powerful;
***You are God to the believer and to the doubter,
to the religious and to the atheist;***

You are God to the courageous and to the fearful,
to the fighter and to the peacemaker;
***You are God to the leader and to the follower,
to the parent and to the child;***

You are God to all,
and Your grace and love extends to all.
***And while we may seek to keep You to ourselves,
while we may try to hoard Your blessings,***

You have come to all, You are available to all,
and all who want You will find that You are there.
***We praise You that our small self-interests are not enough to
keep You from being the great and all-embracing God
that You are. 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

Lord Jesus Christ, as your followers we are called to be people shaped by your selfless life.

We confess that we need your constant help to make our behavior consistent with yours.

Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful -

inform us with your Spirit so that we speak the truth - your truth - at all times.

Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control -

direct us with your Spirit that we might handle our anger responsibly.

Forgive us when our actions have lacked total integrity -

mold us with your Spirit so that all our dealings are carried out honestly and ethically.

Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand -

instruct us with your Spirit so that our words truly bring grace to those who hear.

Renew us with your Spirit so that our words and actions bring you pleasure and not pain.

Fall afresh on us, O Holy Spirit, and make our lives true reflections of Jesus' life, so that we live, love, and forgive as graciously and compassionately as he did. Amen

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

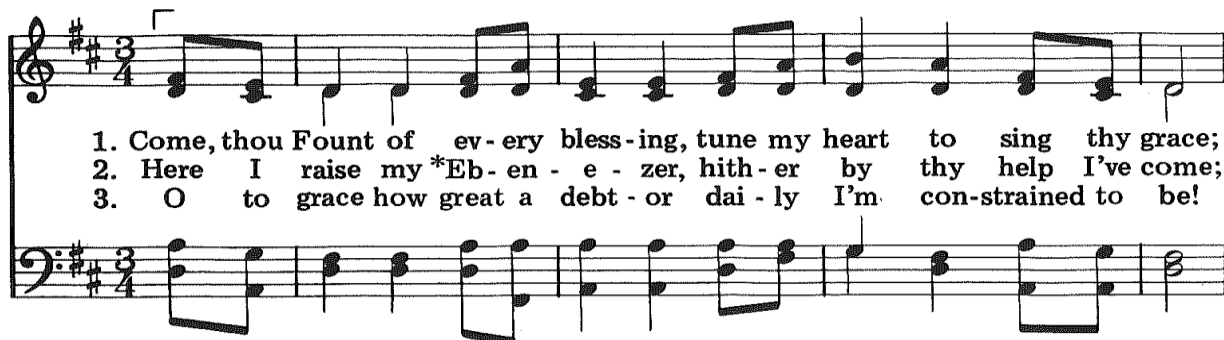
MORNING MESSAGE "Facing the Storm"



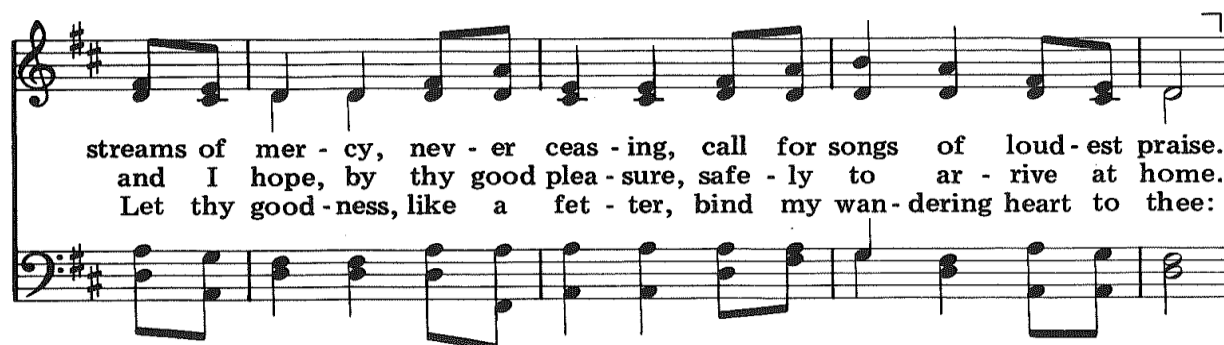
*HYMN 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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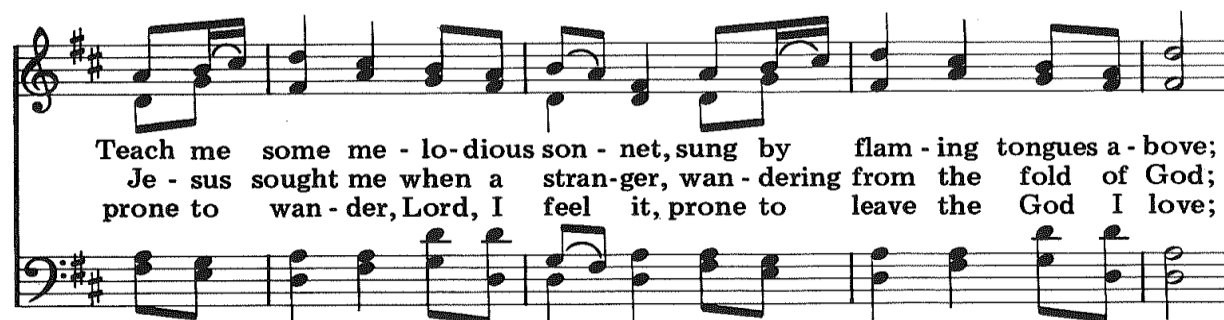
Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Ps. 68:19



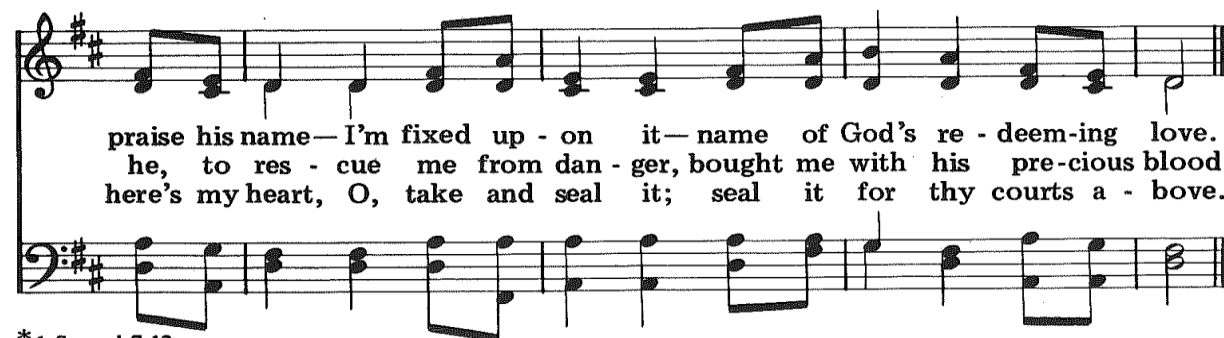
1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my *Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by thy help I've come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise his name— I'm fixed up - on it— name of God's re - deem - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* 1 Samuel 7:12

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

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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.*

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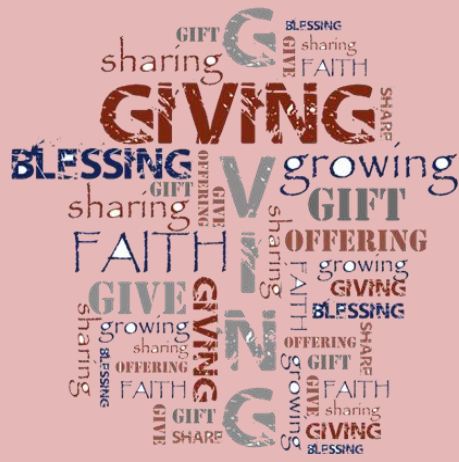
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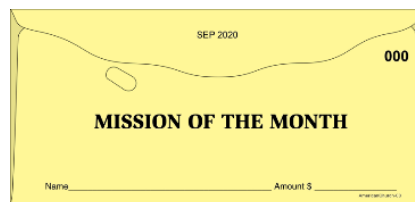
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The special offering envelope for August.

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 crcclori@gmail.com.



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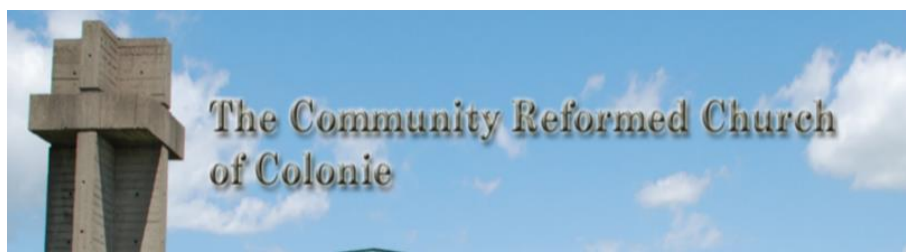
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