

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



November 3, 2024
Order of Service ~ 10:00 am

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.

PRAYER SHAWL –

The prayer shawl out this morning is for Nancy Bacon.
We're asking everyone to come forward after worship to lay hands on the shawl and offer prayers for Nancy who will be having surgery in the near future.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet:

The church on earth and in heaven:

The faithful who have worshiped you before us;

The hundreds of thousands of every place and language who seek to set their lives within God's renewing grace.

As we think of God's people - called and redeemed, wandering and fickle,
forgiven and blessed -

Let us find encouragement from our unity with all of God's people.

Let us worship the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let us worship God With Us - then, now, and in all time to come.

HYMN “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”



A - maz - ing_ grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a__ wretch like me.



I__ once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now__ I see.

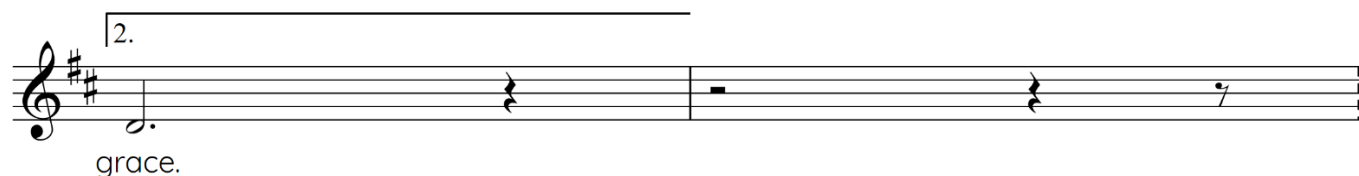
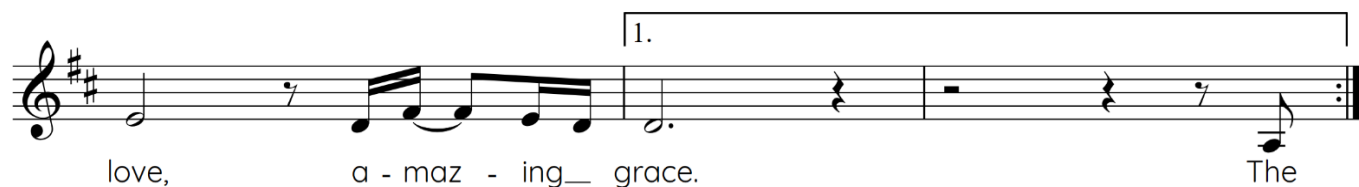
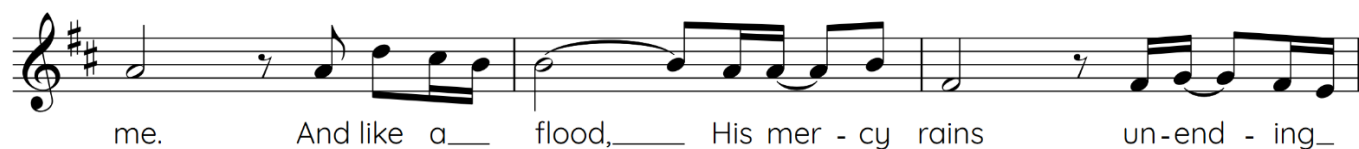
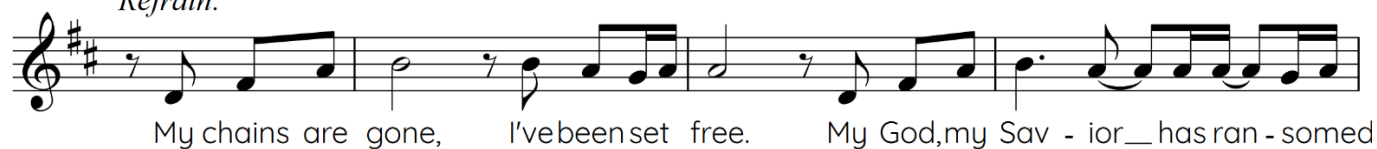


Tw^{as} grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-
(The) Lord has_ prom-ised good to me_ His word my_ hope se-
cures.



How pre - cious did that grace ap-pear the_ hour I first___ be lieved.
He_ will my_ shield and por - tion be as_ long as life_____ en-dures.

Refrain:



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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you, their God.

For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth.

We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world.

We praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, for teachers and colleagues and friends, for parents and grandparents, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, for all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

We praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then, at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me”

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

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

COMBINED DEACON’S AND ELDER’S PRAYER

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for your church...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray for your world...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: As citizens, we acknowledge the Spirit's work in human government for the welfare of all people, for justice among the poor, for mercy toward the prisoner, against all inhuman oppression of humanity. As we approach the voting polls this week, we seek your wisdom, guidance, blessing and understanding.

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. We pray for all victims of disaster...

God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky — for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. We pray for your creation...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for all who are in need of your healing touch...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM “Hymn of Heaven”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:17-44

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

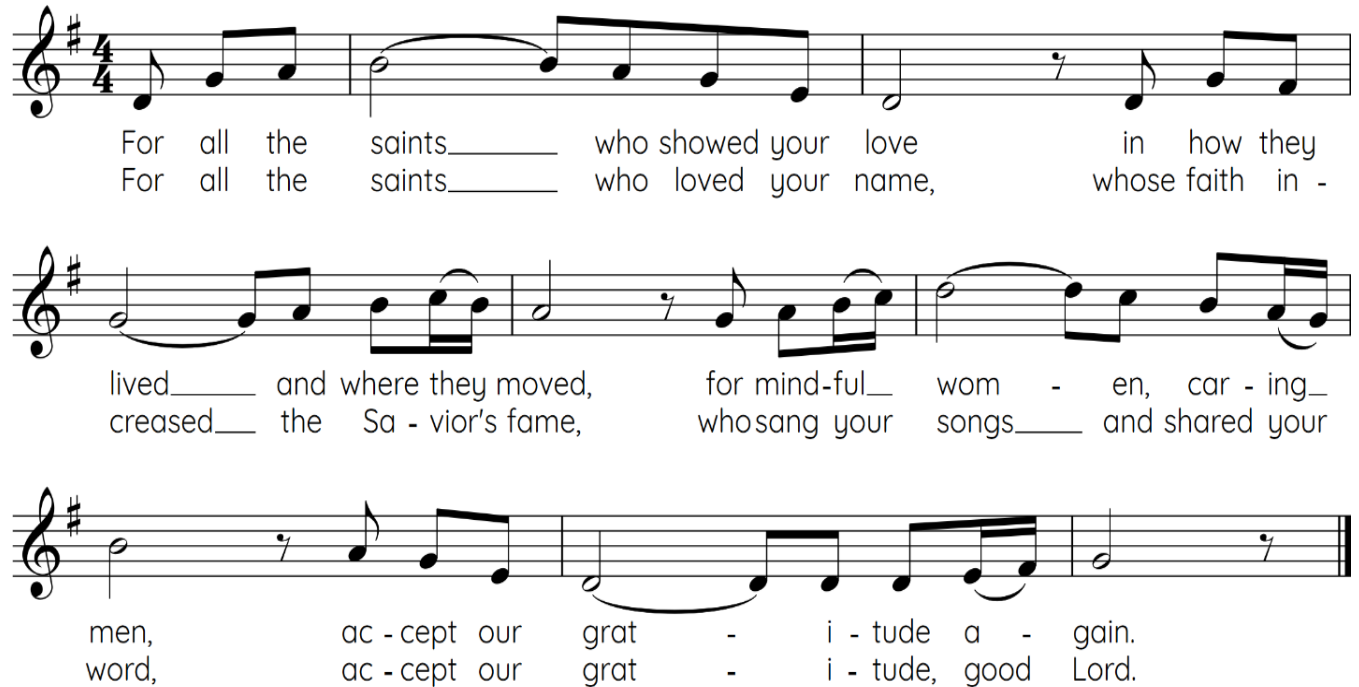
THE MORNING MESSAGE “Do You Believe This?”

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

Eternal God, your Word declares that the life laid down in faith will be raised and produce a great harvest. This we celebrate as we proclaim:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*HYMN “For All the Saints Who Showed Your Love” (Verses 1 and 2)



For all the saints who showed your love in how they
For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith in -
lived and where they moved, for mind-ful wom - en, car - ing
creased the Sa - vior's fame, who sang your songs and shared your
men, ac - cept our grat - i - tude a - gain.
word, ac - cept our grat - i - tude, good Lord.

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground, yet their witness has borne fruit for us and our lives which enables us to say:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We thank you for these lives that have blessed ours in so many ways. We thank you for the memories we have of our lives together. Because of them we are able to believe:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pray for your church throughout the world, for our congregation and its ministries, and the work to which you call us together that in everything we may joyfully reveal:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We surrender to your will for ourselves and all that you count important. For we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest if we do not sow the kingdom's seed. In us and through us may your Spirit announce:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In the confidence of that promise, and as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

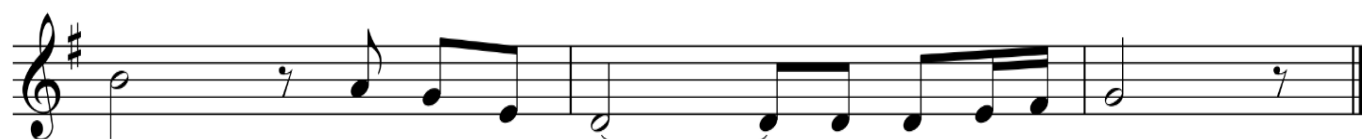
***HYMN "For All the Saints Who Showed Your Love" (Verses 3 and 4)**



For all the saints__ who named your will, and saw your king - dom com - ing
 Bless all whose will___ or name or love re-flects the grace___ of heav'n a -



still through self - less___ pro - - test, prayer and___
 bove. Though un - ac - claimed___ by earth - ly___



praise, ac - cept the grat - i - tude we__ raise.
 powers, your life through theirs___ has hal - lowed ours.

***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.*

POSTLUDE “My Sheperd Will Supply My Need”

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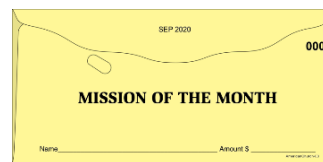
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