



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Order of Service – 10:00 am



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

“How many slams in an old screen door?
Depends how loud you shut it.

How many slices in a bread?
Depends how thin you cut it.

How much good inside a day?
Depends how good you live 'em.

How much love inside a friend?
Depends how much you give 'em.”

— Shel Silverstein

PRELUDE “The Potter’s Hand”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome
Announcements

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

You alone know, O God, the depth of the longing in our hearts;
the intensity of the thirst in our souls,
And in answer, you have come to us,
lived among us,
taught and healed us,
demonstrated what the good life looks like;
Then died, to reveal the value of this life you offer.

You alone know, O God, what we need to satisfy our need,
to lead us to the life we instinctively seek,
And in answer, you have opened the door to life for us,
constantly whispered to us
of your love and grace,
gently nudged us
in the direction of our best life.

And so , now, as you come to us again,
as your life is proclaimed to us again,
we praise you Risen and Living One,
for the truly good life we find in you. Amen.

HYMN 279 “My Lord! What a Morning”

Refrain:
My Lord! what a morning;
My Lord! what a morning;
O, my Lord! what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

***1 You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall.
(Refrain)***

***2 You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall.
(Refrain)***

***3 You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall.
(Refrain)***

THE RESPONSIVE READING

At a time like this, when the triumph of death seems inevitable and the suffering around us makes us want to turn away,
we commit to resurrection.

In the secret chambers where power-brokers meet,
we commit to making the voice of life and justice heard;

In the crisis moments when quick decisions must be made that hold human lives in the balance
we commit to making peace and co-existence the challenge we raise;

In the forgotten corners where the powerless and poor daily walk the valley of the shadow of death,
we commit to equity, compassion and giving;

In the dying places on our planet where human carelessness and consumption have threatened the survival of all
we commit to simplicity and sustainability.

As you stand among us now, Jesus, in your resurrected glory,
May we know the power of your life; may we turn away from death; and may we become agents of resurrection, wherever we find ourselves. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord” (3 times)

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

While around us the song of fear calls us to march to the tune of self-protection,

We choose to dance to the rhythms of life.

While around us the music of greed entices us to join its frenzied drivenness,

We choose to dance to the rhythms of life.

While around us the drums of fashion seek to beat us into conformity and desire,

We choose to dance to the rhythms of life.

While around us so many are crippled by a Sabbath-less existence, and are in bondage to the devils that drive our world,

we praise you, God, for your healing touch for Sabbath-rest and Sabbath-inspired work, for daily manna and the freedom of sharing, for joyful “enough-ness” and comfortable justice.

May we learn to dance to your Sabbath-rhythms, a little more each day,
and may our dancing bring healing and freedom, to all those who receive our invitation to join us in the rhythms of life.

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” (3 times)

***Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit, come to us***

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ based on Psalm 91:14-15

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

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.

ANTHEM “Make a Joyful Noise”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 5:13-26

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love.¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Right Balance"

HYMN 563 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*2 Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*3 Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

BENEDICTION

THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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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The Irish Blessing

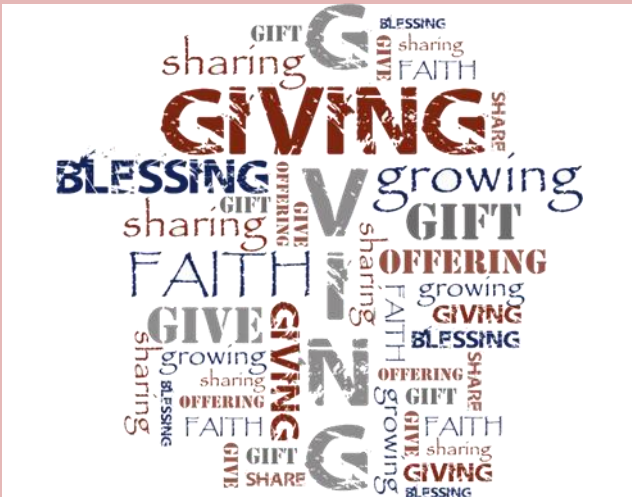
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Today, Sunday, February 20 at 1:00 pm.

Capital Region actors will read Albany playwright Sandi Dollinger's recently completed play *Encore, Encore, Missus Gefilte Fish*. Members and friends of Community Reformed Church, who are interested in following the development of a new work, are welcome to attend in person. Anyone wishing to attend through Zoom may do so by using the Worship Zoom link.

Tuesday, February 22

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Tuesday, February 22,

Book Group Meeting, 6-8PM, at the church. The book we will be discussing is *No Better Friend* written by Robert Weomtraub.

Weather permitting we will be meeting at the church and also on Zoom. In the case of bad weather, we will be fully on Zoom.

The book chosen for March is "The Lincoln Highway" written by Amor Towles. The book we will be reading for the month of April is "The Four Winds" by Kristen Hannah. All are welcome. Contact Karen Reynolds. kreynolds150@gmail.com

Thursday, February 24

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 6:30 to 7:00 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study – 7:00-8:00pm

Friday, February 25

AI-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Day Care Fundraiser – Our Day Care Center is partnering with Krauses's Homemade Candy of Albany, for our spring fundraiser. The fundraiser is filled with delicious treats for your friends, family, and co-workers!

The Day Care makes a 50% profit on all candy sales. This will go to purchasing some fun outdoor equipment and other fun things.

On the back table there are colored candy sheets and order forms. You can also use Krause's web page, (<https://krausesfr.wordpress.com>). The website has photos and descriptions of all the items. There is also an electronic spreadsheet version of the order form to use to record orders and email them to Carol Grasso at cgrasso6@yahoo.com.

All checks should be made out to Colonie Community Day Care. Please return completed sheets and payment by Friday, March 11th. Candy will be in by the last week in March.
Thank You!!



**Ash Wednesday Worship
March 2
7PM**

You are dust, and to dust you will return.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that come before the crucifixion of our Lord. It is a time of penance, reflection, self-examination and spiritual redirection - a time of darkness ending with the rising of the Son. The introspection of Lent allows us to celebrate the full glory of Easter morning.

Pre-registration for In-Person and At-Home is required.

For those planning on **worshipping on Zoom** and wishing to receive Ash Wednesday worship materials, please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-ashwednesday1> by February 25th. This will ensure that you will receive the mailing in time.

For those that will be **worshipping in person**, please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-ashwednesday> by March 1st.

If you have any questions, contact Lori in the church office at crclori@gmail.com.

ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus 34:29-35
Tuesday - Psalm 99:1-5
Wednesday - Psalm 99:6-9
Thursday - 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Friday - Luke 9:28-36
Saturday - Luke 9:37-43
Sunday - Transfiguration Sunday

Household Prayer: Morning

In the morning when I rise, O God,
you are with me strong and sure,
turning my dreams into insights
and teaching me the delights of your law.
You preserve my life day after day,
and in return, I rejoice at the new dawn.
Guard my waiting this day, O Lord,
guide my feet and my hands,
give me stillness and patience
so that I may give delight to myself
and to those I meet;
in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, throughout this day you have rescued us
from harm and despair,
giving us instead the joy of accomplishment
and fellowship with our family and friends.
Protect us through the night, Holy One,
that in our dreams we will not be shaken
but will see you face to face and wake renewed.
We take refuge in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.



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