

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



September 3, 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

We are all one - or at least we should be -  
and it is our job, our duty, and our great challenge to fight the voices  
of division and seek the salve of reconciliation.

~ Roy Barnes

PRELUDE "You are Mine"

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Marissa Lombardo

#### INTROIT “Sanctuary”

#### CALL TO WORSHIP - Adapted from Psalm 105

Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon God! Make known among the nations what God has done!

**Sing praise to God! Sing praises to God's holy name!  
Sing praises and tell all of God's wonderful acts.**

Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of all who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Let the eyes of all who look to the Lord to discover God's strength and have peace.**

Remember the wonderful works that God has done. Recall God's miracles. Consider the judgments God has made and walk in them with confidence.

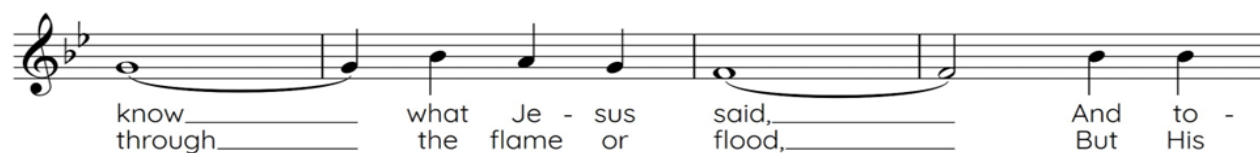
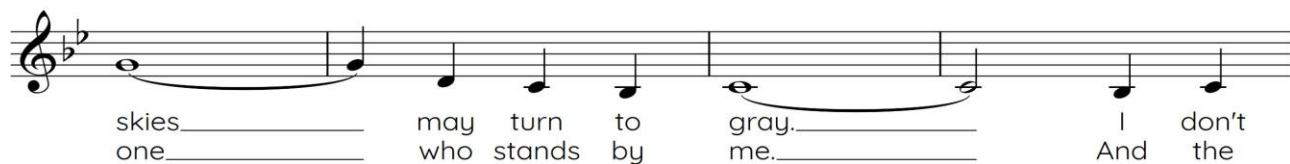
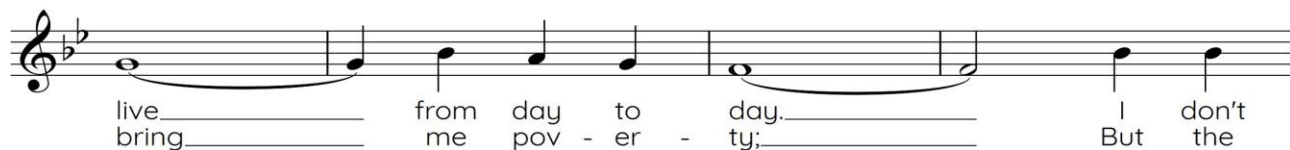
**The Lord is our God, and we will follow God's ways forever.**

The Lord remembers the covenant of faith and abides by it from generation to generation that God's name would be honored and glorified.

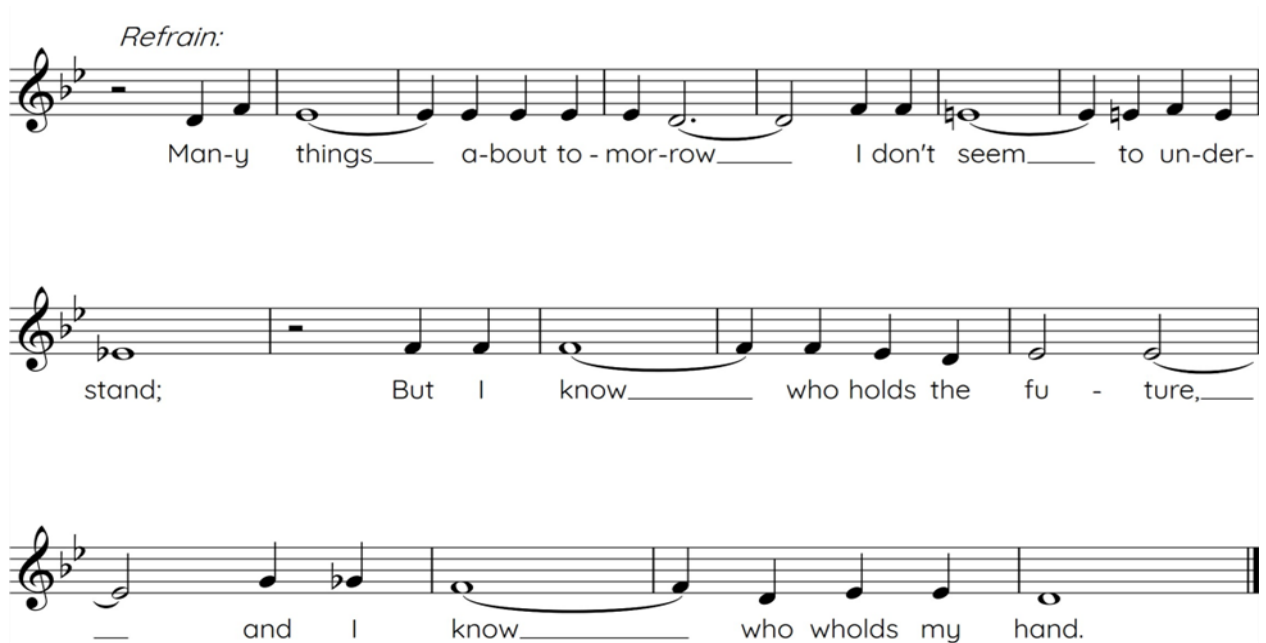
**We rejoice in the goodness of the Lord and glorify God's name with our worship and our faithful living.**



# \* HYMN "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"



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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy,  
we confess that, like the disciples,  
we set our minds not on divine things  
but on human things.  
Doubting your loving care,  
we grab for more than we need.  
Doubting your loving purposes,  
we shrink from living as your followers.  
Doubting your loving plan,  
we become stumbling blocks in your creation.  
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,  
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

**SOLO** “Here I Am, Lord”

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** “Trust God and Live on Bravely”

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

### **THE CALL TO COMMUNION**

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

***The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us,  
binding us in one, as we share him together.***

This is something we do eagerly.

***Christ welcomes us here.***

This is something we do seriously.

***For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we  
take the symbols of the body and blood of the risen  
Lord.***

***I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the  
presence of the Lord".***

## **\*APOSTLE'S 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.*

## **\*PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15). The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

## **\*THE OFFERING**

### **\*OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

## THE PREFACE

### HYMN "Holy Lord" (3 times)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your

glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est!

## THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

The Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope: We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image.

***We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations.***

Yet we rebelled against your will.

***In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant.***

In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us.

***Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one,  
Mary, sharing our life, Christ reconciled us to your love.***

At the Jordan your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the good news of your reign.

***He healed the sick and fed the hungry,  
manifesting the power of your compassion.***

He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

***We beheld His glory.***

On the night before He died for us, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples.

***After the meal our Lord was arrested,  
abandoned by His followers and beaten.***

He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

***Having emptied himself in the form of a servant,  
and being obedient even to death, He was raised from  
the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.***

Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission and leading us into the new creation you have promised.

***By His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ  
has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us  
all in one body. We therefore receive this Supper  
in true and unconditional love.***

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

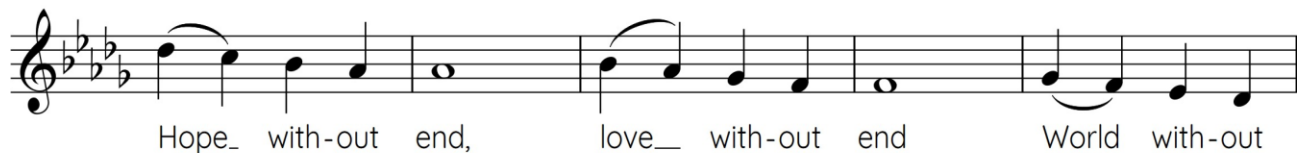
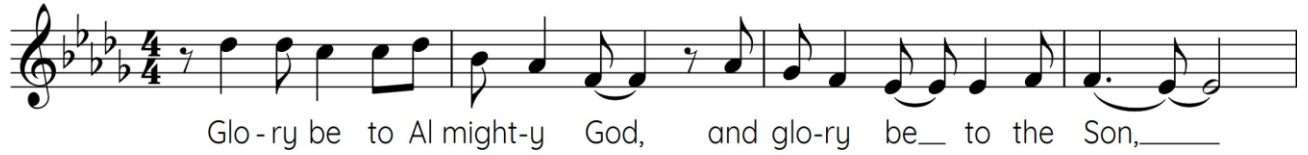
## COMMUNION PRAYER

***Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for  
us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we  
may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight,  
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:***





## "GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"

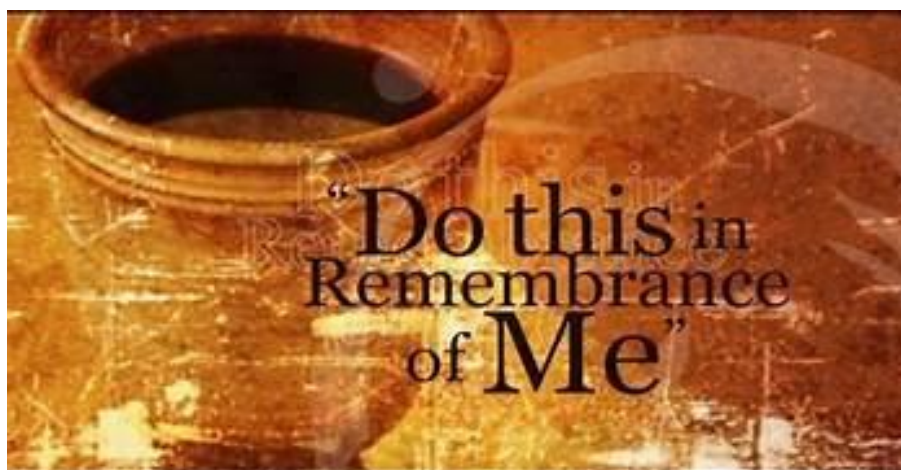


## COMMUNION

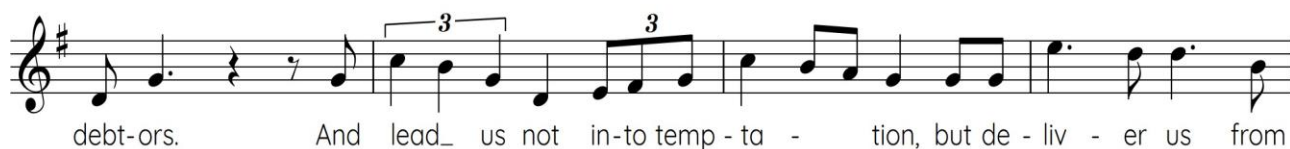
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## THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

*Since, dear God, in this place at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, we have heard and we have seen the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*



## HYMN "The Lord's Prayer"



**\*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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### **Holy Lord**

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### **Mystery of Faith**

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### **Glory Be to Almighty God**

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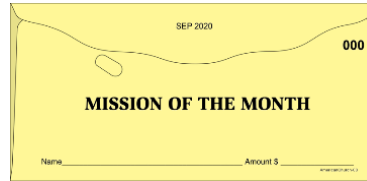
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## Special Offering Envelopes –

### The special offering envelopes for September.

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](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com).



**In-Person Worship Guidelines** - 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. Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom.

## ZOOM

To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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