



## *Second Sunday of Easter*

April 16, 2023

Order of Service – 10:00 am

\* - 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**

In my deepest, darkest moments, what really got me through was a prayer.

Sometimes my prayer was 'Help me.'

Sometimes a prayer was 'Thank you.'

What I've discovered is that intimate connection and communication with my creator will always get me through because I know my support, my help, is just a prayer away.

~ Iyanla Vanzant

PRELUDE “Deep River”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Make Me A Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, on this Eastertide morning, we come to you,  
*singing alleluias, celebrating new life all around us,  
not quite believing it all, but going along with it,  
just the same.*

We celebrate the doubters and questioners among us,  
*who simply keep our faith real,  
who demand that we live our believing  
into faith that works towards justice and peace,  
and making sure that the hungry are nourished and loved.*

We celebrate the saints among us,  
*whose courageous faith flies without a safety net,  
reminding us that true discipleship is risky and radical in the  
face of a world held hostage by greed, love of power, and  
denial.*

We are your Easter people, Holy One.  
*Doubters, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious,  
who skip, run, and stumble on the journey.*

We pray that whoever we are this journey,  
*that you might open our ears and eyes to your call,  
to be Your love, wherever we are.*

Let us worship God.  
*Amen.*

~ written by Rev Karla

\*HYMN "Christ is Alive" (Verses 1,2,3)

# Christ Is Alive! 243

"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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L.M.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Gracious God, throughout this day help us to remember that a very real portion of your Kingdom has been placed in our keeping.

Therefore, teach us to love you:

***With all our hearts...***

That we may love those whom you love, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult, your own everlasting mercy and compassion;

***With all our souls...***

That we may seek fresh ways in which your divine power may surge through our commonplace routines from morning till night;

***With all our strength...***

That our hands may work the works of God who sent us, that our energy may be poured out for the needs of your family, until all we own or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness; and,

***With all our minds...***

That we may think your thoughts from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing you first, that your Kingdom may come through our sharing, our caring, our daring... for your name's sake.

***Amen.***

## MEDITATION "Sing Praises"

***Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord.  
Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord!***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For those times when we move in the shadow, unaware or unwilling to be aware of how our actions affect others,

***we come together, in the light, to find our joy in God.***

For those times when we deceive ourselves – not revealing to ourselves or others the true nature of our vulnerabilities and fears,

***we come together in the truth, to find forgiveness in fellowship.***

For those times when life has been revealed, and we have ignored or denied it,

***we come together to touch grace in the presence of the Spirit of Christ.***

~ author unknown.

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.***

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** – Sarah Huie

**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.***

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

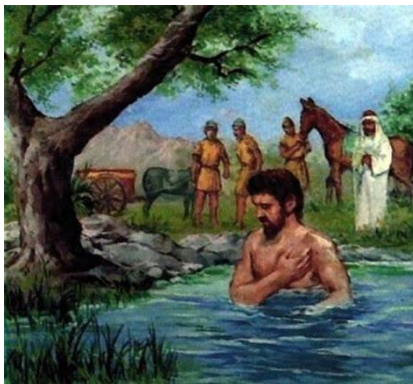
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.” But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had

torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So, he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.”

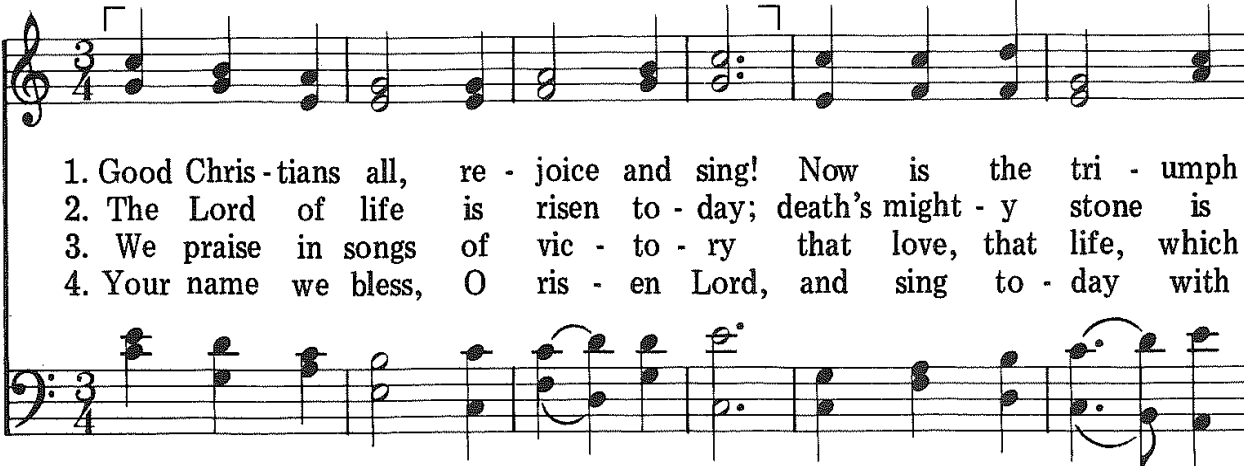
## MORNING MESSAGE “Only the Jordan Will Do”



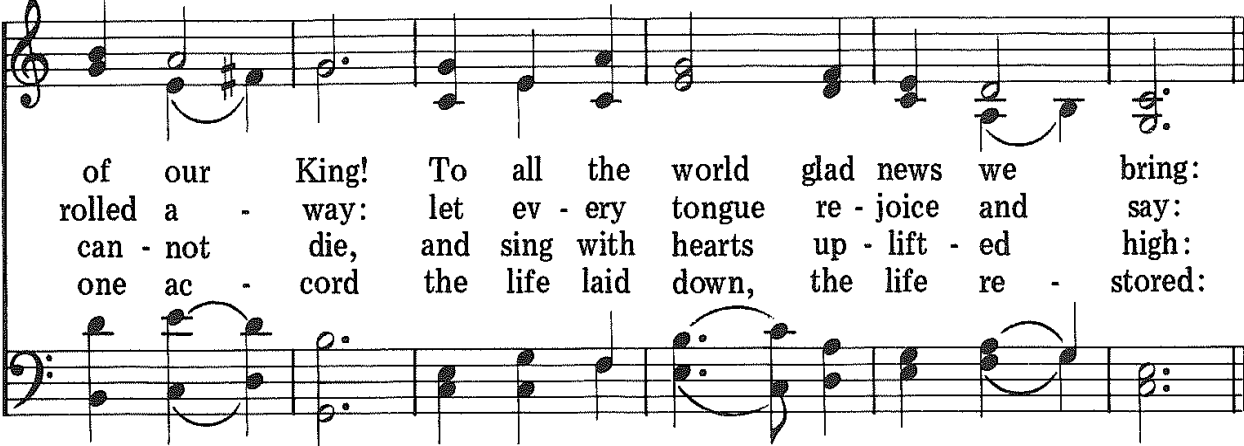
\*HYMN "Good Christians All, Rejoice (255)"

# 255 Good Christians All, Rejoice

*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection . . . Acts 4:33*



1. Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2. The Lord of life is risen to - day; death's might - y stone is  
3. We praise in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life, which  
4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way: let ev - ery tongue re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Descant *Refrain*



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!"

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8.8.8. Alleluias

**\*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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### Sing Praises

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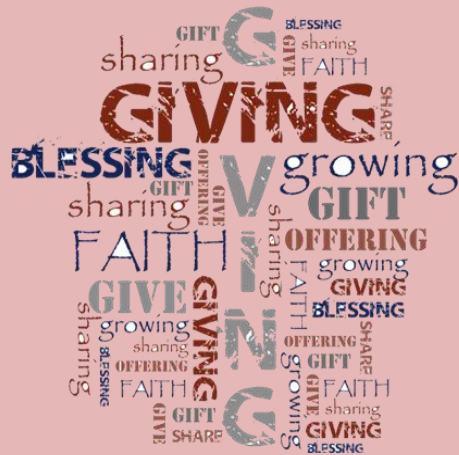
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Even though you may be vaccinated, mask wearing continues to be encouraged to protect our vulnerable and medically compromised worshippers. We ask you to respect the distance and comfort levels of others.

Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

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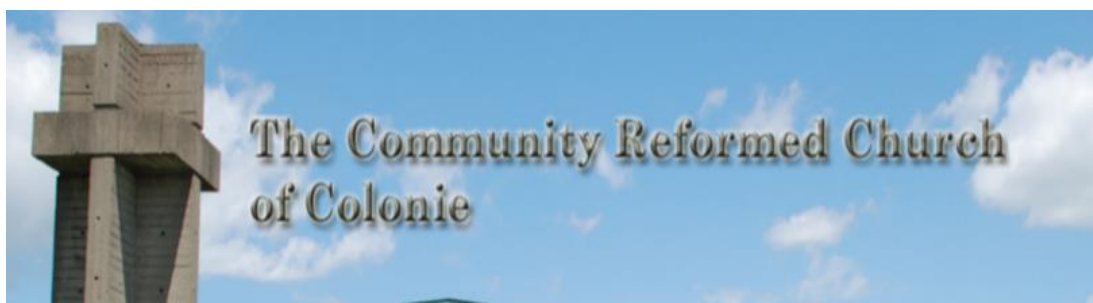
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