



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am



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

I have lived to thank God that all my prayers
have not been answered.

Jean Ingelow

PRELUDE “The Gift of Love”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

It's a familiar call, Jesus
a whisper almost unheard
but persistent and unfailing

“Come,” it says.

“Come to me, and I will give you rest.”

We long for what you offer, Jesus;
we yearn for the still calm of wholeness

And yet we fear...

What if we are disappointed?

What if we never find what we so desperately desire?

But the call remains – “Come to me...”

And so, in relief that our doubts do not silence your invitation;
in faith that all who answer are filled

... even though your gift may surprise us

... even though your gift may be other than we expected;

in honest admission of our reticence and uncertainty

We come.

Amen.

HYMN 45 “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

***I Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;***

***streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.***

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above;

praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--

name of God's redeeming love.

*2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.*

*3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

RESPONSIVE READING

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 “The Lord is My Light” (3 times)

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

How frightened we are by Sabbath, Jesus;
how afraid that if we stop,
***we'll fall behind,
we'll have less than we want,
we'll lose out to those who don't stop;***
how driven we are to protect ourselves,
***to hoard what we can get,
to rise above the crowd;***
and how wounded we and our world have become,
because we have forsaken the wisdom of Sabbath.

Teach us again how to be Sabbath People, Jesus;
***how to trust you for our daily bread,
how to resist the urge to accumulate and hoard,
how to defy the pressure to have more, be more, do more;***
Teach us to dance to the rhythms of your reign, Jesus;
***to work meaningfully and rest peacefully,
to enjoy shamelessly and share generously,
to love abundantly and include indiscriminately;***
Teach us that the small, daily Sabbath-choices we make
***to trade fairly and consume responsibly,
to treat all others with dignity and respect,***
liberate us all from the crippling weight of greed and fear,
***and heal those whose lives are bent and broken
from Sabbathlessness.***

Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me” (3 times)

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

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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 “Let the Church Rise”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Absolute Dependence”

HYMN "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*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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GENERAL NOTICES

Friday, August 26

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

Saturday, August 27

The Worship Team will meet at 9 am to clean “the dungeon”, the choir loft, the choir room and all worship storage closets. Any help from the congregation-at-large would be welcomed and appreciated.

Sunday, August 28

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship at approximately 10 am. At this meeting elections for elders and deacons will take place and the 2022-23 budget will be presented. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outdoors. Otherwise, the meeting will be in the sanctuary. Also, the meeting will be streamed via Zoom.

Sunday, September 4

Final 9 am Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 11

Sanctuary worship at 10 am. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

Newcomer Orientation

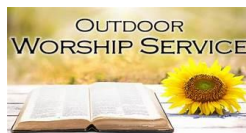
Individuals interested in affiliating with the Community Reformed Church of Colonie are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation Sessions offered by Rev. Cornwell either on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour (8:50 – 9:40 am) or at a mutually agreed upon time during the week. There will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9th. These sessions will include discussions about Reformed Christianity, The Reformed Church in America, The Worshipping Community, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. These classes are also available to individuals who do not wish to affiliate with the church but who would simply like to know more about our denomination and church. For additional information, please speak to Rev. Cornwell.

Offering Envelopes – The offering envelopes will be on the table in front of the church this Sunday. Please pick up your set of envelopes after service. We have changed the envelope number for a few members of the congregation. If you have any questions please contact, Lori Cote at crcclori@gmail.com.

Sunday school teacher needed!!

We are looking for an individual to teach our 3rd-6th graders this fall. A curriculum is provided. Class meets from 9-9:45am on Sunday mornings beginning in September. See Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

Nursery Provider Needed! We are seeking an individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.



**May 22 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM**

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS

The **Consistory** is currently accepting nominations to fill elder/deacon vacancies on Consistory, beginning in September.

There is **one vacancy** on the **Board of Elders** (Hospitality and Congregational Care- 4-year term) and **one vacancy** on the **Board of Deacons** (Creation Care and Stewardship - 4-year term) to be filled.

Those elected to the office of **elder** are called along with pastors to encourage spiritual growth among the members of the congregation and to help them walk in the way of Christ. Those elected to the office of **deacon** are responsible for the ministry of compassion and material maintenance, representing God's love and mercy in Christ. By bringing together the offices of pastor, elder and deacon, the **consistory** continues the full ministry of Christ in our day.

Nominees **must** be **active members** of the congregation.

I wish to nominate:

	Deacon	Elder
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your name: _____

(unsigned ballots will be discarded)

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:

<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 1:8-2:10

Tuesday Psalm 124

Wednesday Isaiah 51:1-6

Thursday Psalm 138

Friday Romans 12:1-8

Saturday Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us,
and we are new each morning.

Be with me as I begin this day,
that my faith would be reckoned righteous by you,
and my works find favor in your sight. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God,
at the setting of the sun your love brings judgment,
and I know of my need for your grace.
Help me to be more faithful to justice,
more truthful in love,
and ever mindful of your mercy. Amen.

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