



The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 11, 2022



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

“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.”

~ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In every place and every time,
in every relationship and every interaction,
You are God.

You are God to the poor and to the wealthy,
to the weak and to the powerful;
You are God to the believer and to the doubter,
to the religious and to the atheist;
You are God to the courageous and to the fearful,
to the fighter and to the peacemaker;
You are God to the leader and to the follower,
to the parent and to the child;
You are God to all,
and Your grace and love extends to all.
***And while we may seek to keep You to ourselves,
while we may try to hoard Your blessings,***
You have come to all, You are available to all,
and all who want You will find that You are there.

***We praise You that our small self-interests are not enough
to keep You from being the great and all-embracing God
that You are.
Amen.***

* HYMN 502 “Amazing Grace”

***1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.***

*2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Jessica Kaercher – Deacon, Creation Care and Stewardship
Linda Murphy – Elder, Hospitality and Congregational Care

RESPONSE TO ORDINATION

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, this deacon and this elder as duly appointed and installed servants of Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the office for which they have been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together with them in obedience to the gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

Beloved people of God, receive this elder and this deacon as Christ's own servants. Support them in love, that their work may bear fruit.

In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that **Jessica** is lawfully installed as a deacon in this congregation and that **Linda** is lawfully installed as an elder.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we choose to believe that Your Kingdom

is no bigger than our bigotry;

When we reduce Your Presence

to the ambience in our favorite meeting place;

When we see Your people

as no one other than our people;

When we believe that we have the authority

to distribute Your grace as we see fit;

When we use Your word

to justify the way we withhold Your blessing from others;

When we enlist You

as an enforcer of our particular ideology;

When in any way, O God, we make You in our image,

when we create our own Kingdoms and call them Yours,

We have failed You, and we have kept others away from You.

Forgive us, change us, and humble us, we pray;

***Keep us always aware of how Your grace has rescued us,
and keep us always aware of those who seek Your grace
in us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God”

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE 2 Corinthians 3:18 and 5:17

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – The Blessing of the Backpacks

SOLO “Desert Song”

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “The Joy of Being Found”

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)

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.*

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:

***Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again.***

"GLORIFY YOUR NAME"

Glorify Your Name

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth;
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.*

COMMUNION

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"

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy 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 the evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever, Amen.*

***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

Monday, September 12

The Quilt Group will meet in the sanctuary Monday evening 5:30-7:30pm to begin this year's project, constructing holiday place mats for nursing home residents and Meals on Wheels. Anyone who is interested in helping with this ministry is welcome to come, regardless of level of experience. This will be a working meeting, so participants are asked to bring fabric and their own sewing machines if they have one. Other tools will be provided. If anyone has some cotton holiday fabric in usable condition that you don't need, please consider donating it to this project. If you have any questions, contact Lou Ann Connelly.

Wednesday, September 14

6:30-7:00 pm - Elders will meet at the Church

7:00-9:00 pm - Consistory will meet at the Church.

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

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

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.

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.

Volunteers Are Needed to Help with Outdoor Maintenance of the Church

Ever wonder how you could assist in helping spruce up around the church? Below is a list of areas that need attention. For a more detailed description visit the Church website. You may also contact Kevin or Lori.

Contact Lori Cote (crcclori@gmail.com), or Kevin Ingalls (kki243@verizon.net) Deacon of Grounds and Maintenance with any questions.

Fencing around HVAC units

Clear Drainage ditch along Watervliet Shaker Road

Clear all brush and weed growth along back wall of Sanctuary

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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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Tuesday - Psalm 79:1-9
Wednesday - Amos 8:4-7
Thursday - Psalm 113
Friday - 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Saturday - Luke 16:1-13
Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

O Lord, have mercy on us this day
according to your steadfast love.
Create clean hearts and new spirits within us
and open our lips to declare your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Patient, persistent God,
I offer the day-that-has-been to you,
knowing that I was not alone,
even when I wandered and filled my heart with noise.
[silent prayer]
As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep,
seek me again in my dreams.
Call to me in ways beyond my knowing
that I might find the strength to feed your people,
that I might live, again, to call your name,
that I might know the joy of every stranger headed home.
For the mercy of the Christ will sustain me
and the power of the Spirit send me forth. Amen

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