



**The Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 10, 2024
Worship – 10:00 AM**

Communion Sunday

Words of Welcome

“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

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.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

Today we are celebrating Communion. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders before the service. In the celebration of Communion, all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table. Please hold the elements until all have received them that we may commune together.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much;
it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

PRELUDE “For the Fruit of All Creation”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER SHAWL - The prayer shawl out this morning is for Perrin, the daughter of a friend of Sandi Dollinger. Perrin has recently been diagnosed with a very serious medical issue.

After worship, without laying hands on the shawl, please offer prayers for Perrin.

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “God is Here Today”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
***I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.***

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and
who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

... God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son. 1 Jn. 4:9

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves
and clamor after privilege and honor.
Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because
we do not believe we have anything to give.
You have given us the best gift of all:
Freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life.
Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts,
that we may live faithfully for you.
In Jesus' we pray. Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Do Not, O Lord, Withhold Your Mercy" (3 times)

*Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy.
Grant us grace, grant us hope,
Grant us strength, grant us peace.
Let your steadfast love keep us safe forever.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Vicki Lane

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

SOLO "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

This is the Word of The Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

THE MORNING MESSAGE - "Giving Your Two Cents"

CELEBRATION 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.***

This is something we do together.
***I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the presence
of the Lord".***

*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.

*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"

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.

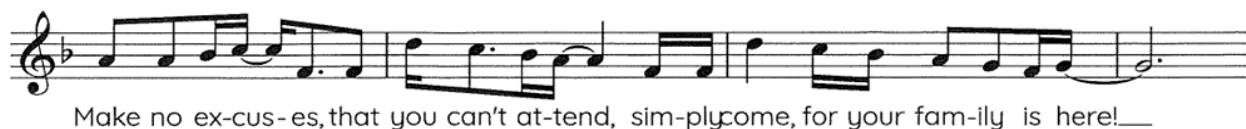
He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

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



For around this table, you will find your family.



And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.



*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the
broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*



COMMUNION PRAYER



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



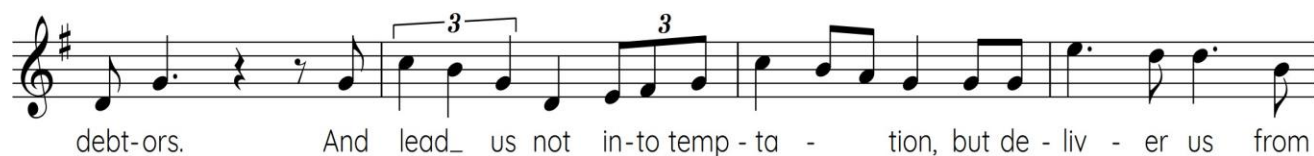
COMMUNION

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"



*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.*

POSTLUDE “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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Mystery of Faith

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Glory Be to Almighty God

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The Lord's Prayer

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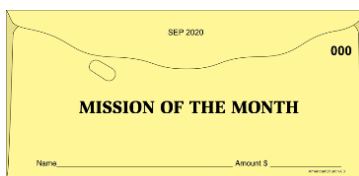
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