



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



January 30, 2022

Order of Service
10:00 am

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

Poor

(adjective)

“When you have too much month at the end of your money”

~ Greta Daugherty

PRELUDE “Take My Life and Let it Be”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome
Announcements

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise You, Lord God,
that Your Way is found
not by travelling an exclusive highway,
or in secrets preserved only for some,
***but in the open field of love and grace, where all who choose
may come and play.***

We praise You, Lord God,
that Your Truth is heard not only
in the words of scholars and authors,
or in brittle, inflexible ideas,
***but in honest questions
and difficult conversations,
in the courageous attempts of simple people
to live lives of integrity.***

We praise You, Lord God,
that Your Life is discovered
not just in the predictable places of beauty and wealth
or within the confines of clearly demarcated norms,
***but in the unexpected generosity and pride
of those who have nothing,
in the creativity and risk
of trying new things,
and defending the vulnerable.***

We open ourselves again to Your call,
determined to do what we promise,
to follow Your Way,
to embody Your Truth
to share Your Life.

***And to do it all with thanksgiving and praise. Let us worship
God.***

HYMN 669 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

***God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church’s story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.***

***Heal your children’s warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.***

***Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.***

THE RESPONSIVE READING

When we are overwhelmed by responsibility or struggle,
we forget your ability,
When we are proud of our dreams or achievements,
we forget your ability,
When we are faced with great suffering or great opportunity,
we forget your ability.

But, you are God – with all that the word implies,
and you are right here,
***with us, within us,
in partnership with us;***

and so whatever we may face,
whatever we may have to endure or enjoy,
we praise you for your divine ability that embraces us,
your Holy Spirit that fills us,
and we celebrate the knowledge that you have walked the road before
us,
incarnate, baptized, mortal and eternal. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Be Glorified” (3 times)

***In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, today, as every day, we pray for grace,
but today, we ask a little more -
for a grace that is costly,
for a grace that is just,
and for the courage to choose this grace alone.

When your name is used like a slogan to promote what offends you,
give us the grace to say, “No”.

When your word is spoken to exclude and divide,
give us the grace to quietly include everyone.

When your reign is reduced to nationalism or terrorism,
give us the grace to resist.

When love is called weakness,
and hope is dissolved in cynicism,
and faith is dismissed as delusion,
***give us the grace to hold our ground,
and lift our voices.***

Every day – and for always – we pray for the grace
to take up whatever cross we may face, and follow you down whatever
road you call us to;
***to be people who share grace and justice, even as we give
thanks for the just grace we have received. Amen.***

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

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

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Vicki Lane

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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 “My Hope Is You”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:19-21

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Problem Is Not Having Wealth..."

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!*

BENEDICTION

THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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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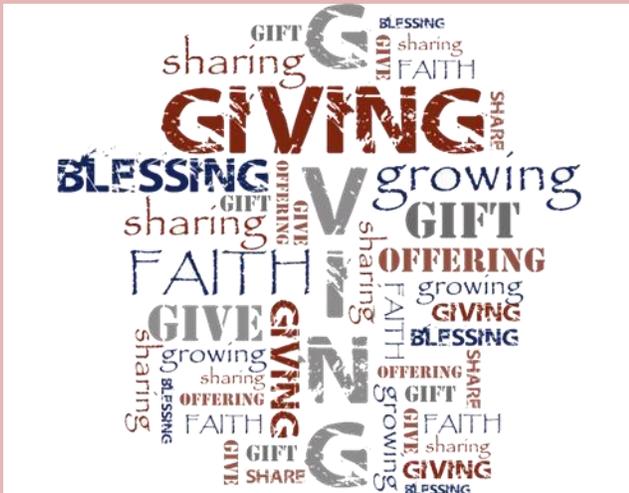
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Monday, January 31

The Quilt Group will meet in the sanctuary 5:30-8:00pm, weather permitting, to continue constructing Walker Bags, Wheelchair Bags and Lap Quilts for the residents of area nursing homes. Participants are asked to bring their projects, sewing machines, and general sewing

supplies. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to attend even if you do not have sewing experience.

Tuesday, February 1

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, February 2

Worship Team – 7:00-8:30 pm. will meet at the Church to plan upcoming services.

Thursday, February 3

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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

Friday, February 4

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

Saturday, February 5

Women's Bible Study - All are welcome to attend at 9:30 at the church or via Zoom.

Sunday School Teacher - We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Isaiah 6:1-8
Tuesday - Isaiah 6:9-13
Wednesday - Psalm 138:1-6
Thursday - Psalm 138:7-8
Friday - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday - Luke 5:1-11
Sunday - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Household Prayer: Morning

God,
you have given me the gift of another day;
may I live it in gratitude.
Help me to be loving to others, to Earth, and to myself;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, this day is drawing to an end.
Be with me as I pause and ponder
all the love I saw and received today.
Help me to see you in each moment of love.
Where I fell short of being patient and kind,
help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me,
and give me peace,
as I give this day back to you. Amen.



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