



## **Transfiguration Sunday**

**March 2, 2025**

**Worship – 10:00 AM**

### *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

“We are pure capacity for God. Let us not, then, take our littleness lightly. It is a wonderful grace. It is a gift to receive. At the same time, let us not get trapped in the confines of our littleness, but keep pushing on to claim our greatness. Remind yourself often, ‘I am pure capacity for God; I can be more.’”

Macrina Wiederkehr, from “*A Tree Full of Angels*”

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Côté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

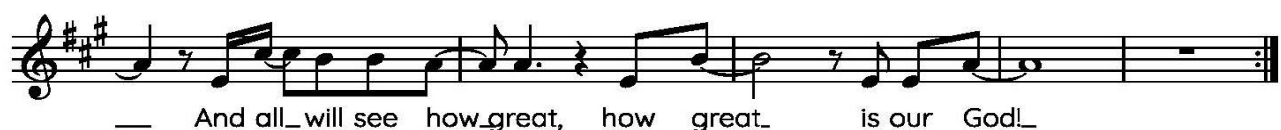
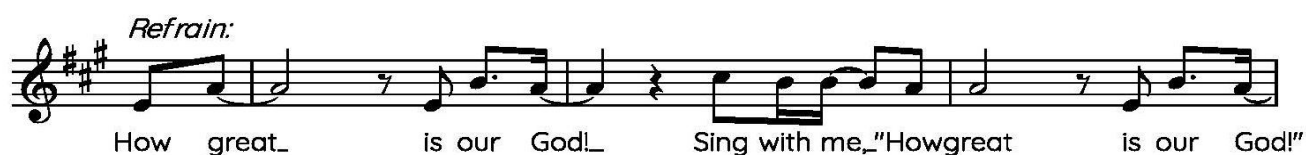
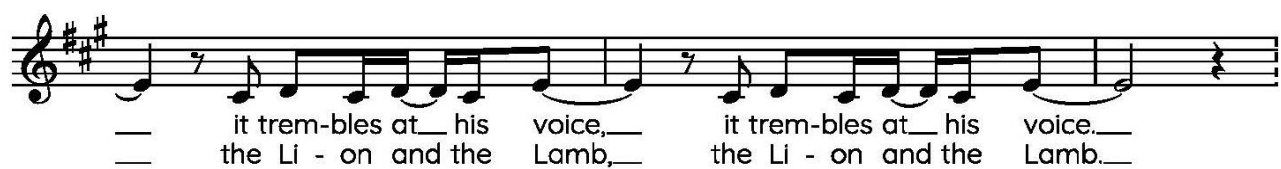
Great is the Lord!  
*Exalted among the nations.*

Mighty is the Lord!  
*Ruler of heaven and earth.*

Holy is the Lord!  
*Beyond our understanding.*

Come, let us worship our great, mighty, and holy Lord!  
*We bring our praise and our thanks for all that God does and has made known to us.*

\* HYMN "How Great is Our God"



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From The Belhar Confession)

***“We Believe...***

***that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;  
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;  
that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;  
that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;  
that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;  
that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;  
that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;  
that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;  
that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;  
that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.”***

**TAIZE RESPONSE “With You, O Lord” (3 times)**

***With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,  
And in your light we shall see true light.  
With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,  
And in your light we shall see true light.***

## A LITANY OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT

How long, O Lord? How long will you forget us? How long will you hide your face from us and the situation of sorrow around us? How long must we wrestle with anxious thoughts and the sorrows of our heart? How long will the enemy triumph in wrongdoing? Look upon us, O Lord, and answer our cries. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

***Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal Lord, have mercy upon us.***

We confess that our sin is deeply shameful, but the wicked are openly scornful. They mock your name and laugh at our dismay.

***We know your providential love holds true and nothing can curse us endlessly with sorrow. Transform us, dear Lord, and change this damage into good. Show us your glory, hidden in the evil around us.***

***I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your saving grace. I will still sing to the Lord, for God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.***

TAIZE RESPONSE "In God Alone" (3 times)

***In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
In God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
Find its rest and peace.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS and CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 9:28-43

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

**THE MORNING MESSAGE - “From Awe-filled to Awful”**

# 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.***

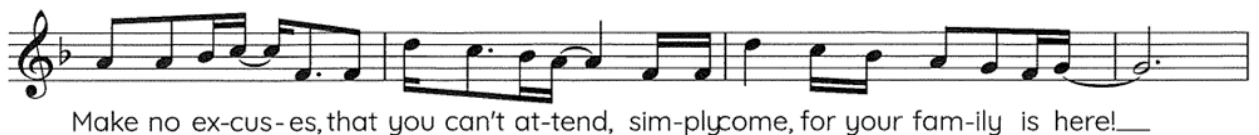
He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing  
the fullness of your grace.  
***We beheld His glory.***

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.*



Come not be-cause you have to,\_\_\_\_ come not to prove you are saved,



come not to speak, or to hear what's ex - pect - ed, have



cour - age to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ leads!

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



Come to the feast\_\_\_\_ of the reign\_\_\_\_ of God;\_\_\_\_



we are in - vit - ed to share!\_\_\_\_ Bring all your sor - rows and



all of your\_ joy; the bro - ken are all\_\_\_\_ wel-come here!\_\_\_\_

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



Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!\_\_\_\_ Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!\_\_\_\_



Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!\_\_\_\_\_

## 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:



## "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"

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name.

Thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our debts, as we for - give our

debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from

e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and thine is the pow - er, and thine is the glo - ry, for

ev - er, for - ev - er, for - ev - er. A -

men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

**\*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 “Shine Jesus Shine”**

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### **Glory Be to Almighty God**

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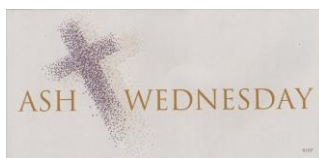
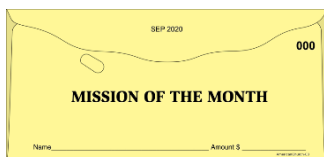
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