

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



February 6, 2022

Order of Worship
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

“We must reflect the light of Christ
through lives of prayer and joyful service to others.”

~ Pope John Paul II

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Let us worship God.

HYMN “Amazing Grace”

***I 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.*

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 “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - Mark Kaercher

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Ellen Buono

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace(My Chains are Gone)”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

THE MORNING MESSAGE “The Measure of a Church”

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 632 "The Lord's Prayer"

MALOTTE

*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. Amen.*

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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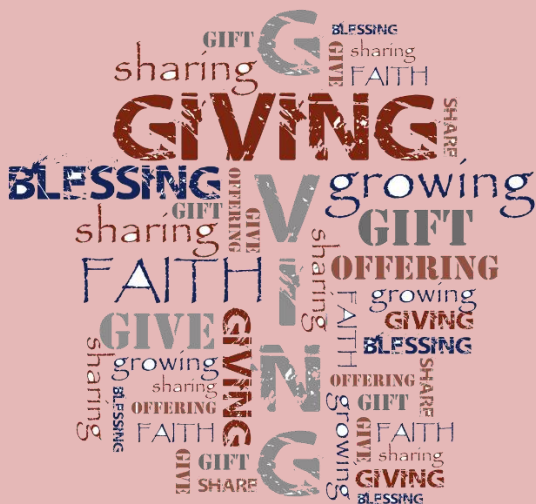
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GENERAL NOTICES

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

Today, February 6 at 1:00 pm

A first-ever reading of *Encore, Encore, Missus Gefilte Fish*, a new play by Albany Playwright Sandi Dollinger. Community Reformed members are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 10

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

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

ZOOM

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

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

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Jeremiah 17:5-8
Tuesday - Jeremiah 17:9-10
Wednesday - Psalm 1
Thursday - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Friday - Luke 6:17-19
Saturday - Luke 6:20-26
Sunday - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Household Prayer: Morning

God, I give you thanks this morning
as I watch the beauty of the newborn light,
listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature,
and ponder the miracle of my own breathing
and your presence in it all.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Increase my strength of soul today.
And whenever I see a need,
help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
Like the fisher folk who became disciples,
I have put in a day of work.

As evening comes, it is time to rest.
If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say,
"I am not worthy of your presence, God,"
reassure me with the calming words of Jesus,
"Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.



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