

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



July 3, 2022 Order of Worship - 9:00 am

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* - 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

There isn't much that I can do, but I can share my friends with you, and I can share my life with you, and I can share my Lord with you and oftentimes a prayer or two -- as on our way we go.

~ Anonymous

PRELUDE "A Place at the Table"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Marissa Lombardo

INTROIT "Change My Heart, O God"

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Revelation 7 verses 9,10,15 -17)

There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes, nations and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

They worship God day and night and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

***HYMN 768** "I Come with Joy"

I I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. his presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that there are times when we fail to hear and obey Jesus' call because our lives are so filled with noise and selfcentered activities.

Forgive us, O God, for the times when we put our own comfort first and fail to reach out and accompany those who are going through difficult times - those who feel imprisoned in a valley of shadows and find themselves overwhelmed by life.

Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us - the call to reveal your love, compassion and comfort wherever you need us to bind up the wounds of the victims of today's society.

Forgive us, O God, for ignoring the plight of those deprived of the basic necessities of life - food and shelter.

Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us - the call to reveal in tangible and authentic ways, your passion for those who feel powerless to make any changes for good in their lives.

Forgive us, O God, for enjoying the benefits of your goodness and mercy in our lives while exercising judgmental or unmerciful attitudes towards other people.

Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us - The call to empty ourselves of all that is contrary to your life within us so that your goodness and mercies are enjoyed not as rewards to be hoarded but as gifts to be shared. In your name, we pray. Amen

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Lord Jesus Christ" (3 times)

Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (based on 1 Peter 2:24)

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Kevin Ingalls

SOLO "God of Wonders"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "As On Our Way We Go"

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. 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.
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.
Amen.

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GENERAL NOTICES

Friday, July 8

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

Nursery Provider Needed! We are seeking a new individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. A background check and online training will be required. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Thru September 4, 2022 at 9 AM This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

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 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 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656



Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - 2 Kings 5:1-14 Tuesday - Psalm 30 Wednesday - Isaiah 66:10-14 Thursday - Psalm 66:1-9 Friday - Galatians 6:1-16 Saturday - Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Sunday - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

God of renewal and joy, thank you for a night of rest, for home, for companionship, and for all the gifts of Earth that make ou

and for all the gifts of Earth that make our lives possible.

Give us this day the sustenance needed for the work we have ahead of us.

Keep our vision clear and our resolve strong.

Bless us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

For this day, O God, we give you thanks. In all the joys that came our way, the challenges that showed us more about your world,

the people who made our meals and journeys,

you revealed your care.
Keep us now this night from harm
that when we rise from sleep,
we will again give thanks and praise to
you.

Bless us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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