



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Sunday,
June 25, 2023***

Outdoor Worship
Order of Service –
9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

*** - 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

“God did not direct His call to Isaiah— Isaiah overheard God saying, “. . . who will go for Us?” The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude.”

— Oswald Chambers,

PRELUDE “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

CALL TO WORSHIP

You alone know, O God, the depth of the longing in our hearts;
the intensity of the thirst in our souls,
And in answer, you have come to us,
***lived among us, taught and healed us, demonstrated what
the good life looks like; then died, to reveal the value of
this life you offer.***

You alone know, O God, what we need to satisfy our need,
to lead us to the life we instinctively seek,
And in answer, you have opened the door to life for us,
***constantly whispering to us of your love and grace,
gently nudging us in the direction of our best life.***

And so, now, as you come to us again,
as your life is proclaimed to us again,
we praise you Risen and Living One,
for the truly good life we find in you. Amen.



*HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ish'd a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
Gath-er us in, the right and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

✱RESPONSIVE READING

How hard we make things, O God,
how heavy the yoke we place on ourselves
*through our insecurity and pride,
through our fear and unbelief,
through our denial and stagnation;*
How threatening our world becomes
when we make life and joy depend on our own ability.

But, you have invited us to a different life, a deeper joy,
you have offered us a lighter yoke
if we will just stop for a moment and follow you.

Thank you for your gently urgent whisper,
your softly persistent touch,
*calling us to come, to rest,
and to lay down our self-imposed burdens;*

With relief and hope we respond to your invitation,
*gladly taking up your yoke,
joyfully lifting your burden,
and freely giving ourselves to you
in love, in praise and in service. Amen.*

✱MEDITATION “Sing Praise & Bless the Lord” (3 times)

*Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Goodness isn't always popular, Jesus...
*There are those who doubt that it has value,
that fear that goodness only leaves us vulnerable
and unable to navigate the complexities of the real world.*
But we believe that the opposite is true...
*that it is goodness that must ultimately prevail,
and that holds the key to the wholeness and happiness
we seek.*

And so, we pray for goodness to infiltrate every un-good place,
where callous self-interest humiliates and impoverishes others, where casual disregard for the common good undermines security and neighborliness, where unexamined or overstated fear addicts us to control, where our obsession with the immediate blinds us to the consequences of our actions.

Teach us the power of the good, the healing of the noble,
the life of the praiseworthy,
and capture our hearts that we may give ourselves to know your goodness -the only goodness that is truly worth pursuing. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come & 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 - Isaiah 40:29, 31 (adapted)

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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.*

SOLO “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 10:24-39

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

MORNING MESSAGE “I Surrender”

*HYMN "The Summons"

Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 Will you leave and your - self be - hind if I but
 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but

5
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you

9
 go where you don't know and nev - er
 care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 set the pris - oners in free and nev - er
 quell the fear in side and nev - er

13
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you

17
 let my love be shown, will you
 risk the hos - tile stare, should your
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 use the faith you've found to re -

21
 let my name be known, will you
 life at - tract or - scare? Will you
 such as this world un - seen, and ad -
 shape the world a - round, through my

25
 let me life an - be grown in you and
 let me to what - swer I prayer in you and
 mit and touch and and mean in you and
 sight and touch and and sound in you and

29
 you in in in me?
 you in in in me?
 you in in in me?
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***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.*

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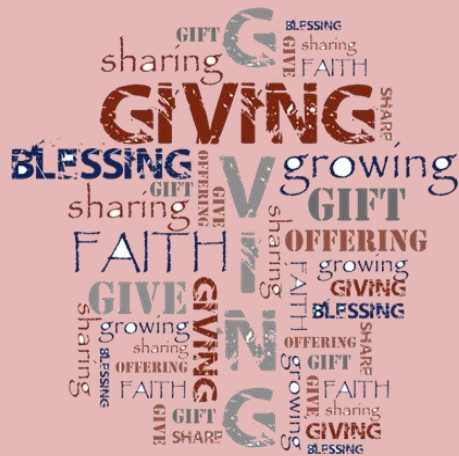
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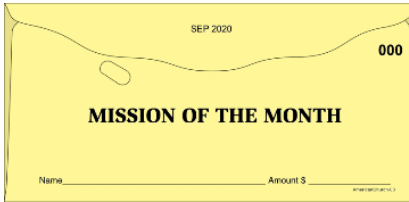
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The special offering envelopes for June.

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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

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