



# *The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*



July 25, 2021

Order of Worship  
9:00 am

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## *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**

It is not the one who has too little,  
but the one who craves more, that is poor.

~ Seneca

**PRELUDE** "Come as You Are, It is Well"

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP “The Peace Prayer of St. Francis”

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred,  
*let me sow love;*  
where there is injury,  
*pardon;*  
where there is doubt,  
*faith;*  
where there is despair,  
*hope;*  
where there is darkness,  
*light;*  
and where there is sadness,  
*joy.*

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled  
*as to console;*  
to be understood  
*as to understand;*  
to be loved  
*as to love.*

For it is in giving  
*that we receive;*  
it is in pardoning  
*that we are pardoned;*  
and it is in dying  
*that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

HYMN – “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

*Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*

**Refrain:**

*My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures*

**Refrain (2x)**

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.*

Words and Music by  
CHRIS TOMLIN and LOUIE GIGLIO

## THE RESPONSIVE READING

You have not given us a world of scarcity, God;  
There is more than enough to go around,  
if we could only believe it;  
If we could just learn to let go a little  
and to recognize the humanity and dignity in every person,  
perhaps we could share enough  
that no one would need to lack the basic necessities of life.

And so we pray for those who have more money  
than they could ever spend,  
*that they would open their hearts and their wallets  
so that others could have enough for each day;*

We pray for those who have too little money  
to care for themselves and their loved ones,

*that their hard work would begin to bear fruit,  
that they would find sources of support  
that they can rely on,  
and that they would find non-financial ways  
to contribute to their world;*

We pray for those who make policies  
that affect the economic systems of our world,

*and that, with a stroke of a pen,  
can render people secure or destitute.*

And we pray for ourselves that we may be satisfied with enough,

*that we resist the temptation to seek more than we need,  
and that we would be as generous with what we have  
as it is possible to be.*

*Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing Praises” (3 times)

*Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord.  
Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We praise you for all the wealth and abundance  
that is available for us to enjoy  
without spending a cent;*

*For love and joy and beauty,  
for friendship and intimacy and tenderness,  
for wild flowers and birds and animals  
that cannot be caged or possessed.*

*And we thank you for the good that can be done,  
if we just use our imaginations to think of money differently  
and to share it as widely as we can.*

*Thank you for your Divine dream  
that changes our hearts  
so that we can build a society  
in which everyone gets a fair share.*

*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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ~ Sarah Huiest

## DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Jerry Kallner

## CALL TO OFFERING

Graceful God, through Christ you have granted your people the hope for new life.

*The old has passed away, behold the new has come. In response, we praise your name and give you thanks.*

Let us offer our gifts to God.

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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## 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 DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*God of the universe and God of our hearts, speak to us this morning in our giving with your still, small voice. Remind us who we are; remind us whose we are; remind us why we have chosen to follow your Son Jesus the Christ. As we share in this offering today remind us that what we do, and what we give is multiplied with the compassion of others. Keep us faithful in that knowledge. We pray this in the name that is above all others, Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

## ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Lou Ann Connelly

### 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.*

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:16-21

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

### THE MORNING MESSAGE "Just Money: Money Can Buy Happiness"

**HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"**

*1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them  
Whom shall I send*

**Refrain:**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send*

**Refrain**

*3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send*

**Refrain**

**BENEDICTION**

**THE FOURFOLD AMEN**

**STAINER**

Minister of Word and Sacrament  
**Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell**

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**Benjamin April**

Children's Message  
**Sarah Huiest**

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**Kevin Ingalls**

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**Jerry Kallner**

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