

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



**Sunday,  
October 29, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Sanctuary Worship  
Order of Service

\* - 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**

Peace begins with a smile.

~ Mother Teresa

**PRELUDE "Multiplied"**

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

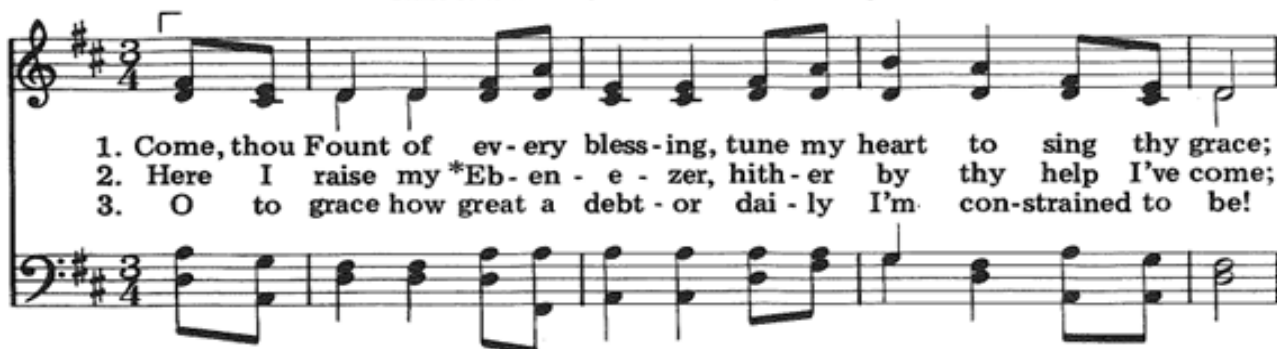
The Spirit gathers us to worship God  
*and builds us up in faith, hope, and love*  
so that we may go into the world  
*to proclaim the gospel*  
*and work for justice and peace.*  
Let us worship God together.



\*HYMN 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 45

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Ps. 68:19



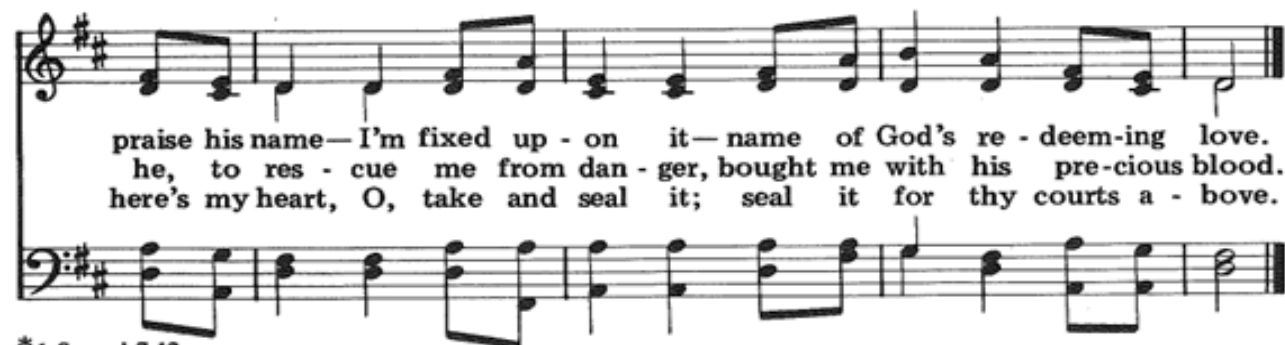
1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my \*Eb-en - e - zer, hith-er by thy help I've come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise his name— I'm fixed up - on it— name of God's re - deem-ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

\* 1 Samuel 7:12

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

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## ✱THE RESPONSIVE READING

There is no shortage of ways that we can help to heal our world, Lord;  
***we just need the willingness to see them  
and the courage to act.***

So, we pray for Your inspiration and strength,  
***to use the abilities and resources we have  
for the sake of those who need them.***

We pray for those of us who have plenty –  
of wealth  
***that can lift some out of poverty,***  
of power  
***that can influence the world toward justice and equity,***  
of relationships  
***that can connect those who can help each other,***  
of creativity  
***that can inspire and challenge through new ideas and  
new visions,***  
of time  
***that can be used to feed the hungry,  
transport the weary,  
or befriend the lonely.***

And we pray for all who need ordinary, gifted people  
***to ease their grief, their pain, their trauma, their need and  
their fear.***

Do not let us rest, Lord, until we have found a way  
***to help as we may,  
for the cause of Christ.  
Amen.***

Written by John van de Laar

**\*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**

*We're not really sure we want to admit it, God, but we are people with gifts. We're not necessarily super-talented, can-do-it-all, people, but there are things we're good at, things that might even be useful to You and others.*

*But, here's the problem – if we admit it, then we have to do something; then there are no more excuses; no more comfortable inadequacies to hide behind. If we acknowledge the abilities and strengths You have placed in us We're going to have actually use them; we're going to have to serve, and be accountable, and maybe even make commitments... and stick to them.*

*But, if we pretend that we're not gifted at all, we lose something of ourselves, we allow ourselves to be less than we really are, to experience less, to learn less, to be less alive. So, thank you, God, for making us gifted people, and we thank you that our gifts can make a difference, can, in some small way, help to make Your dream for Your world a reality. Amen.*

Adapted from a prayer by John van de Laar

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Holy Spirit Come to Us” (3 times)

*Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Kindle in us the fire of your love  
Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Holy Spirit, come to us.*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** – Sarah Huiest

## DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

### 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.*

**ANTHEM** "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

### SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

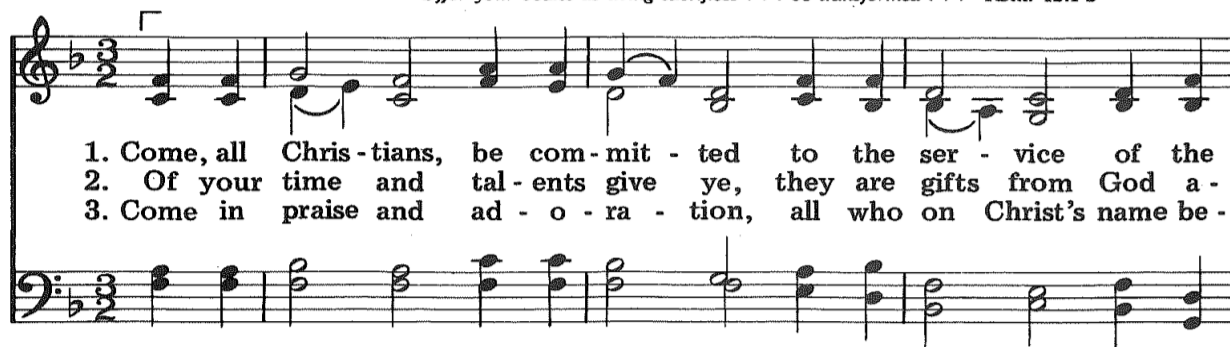
This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MORNING MESSAGE** "How will you Love God?"

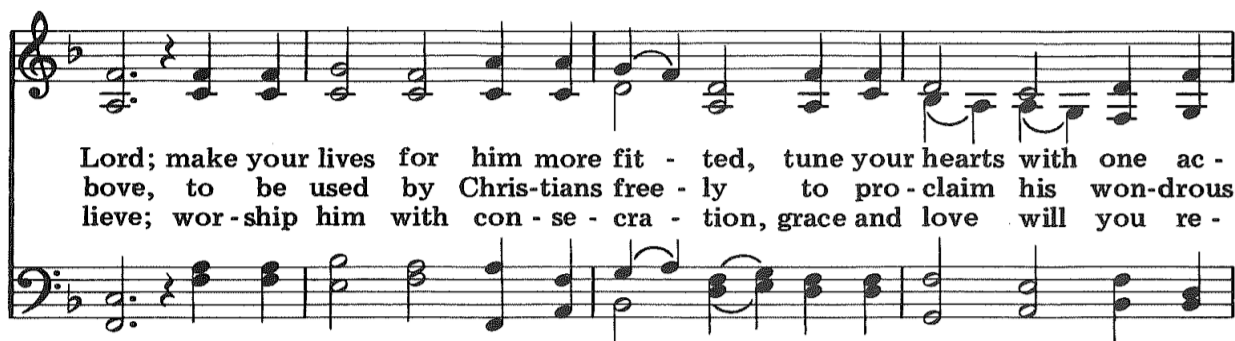
\*HYMN 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed

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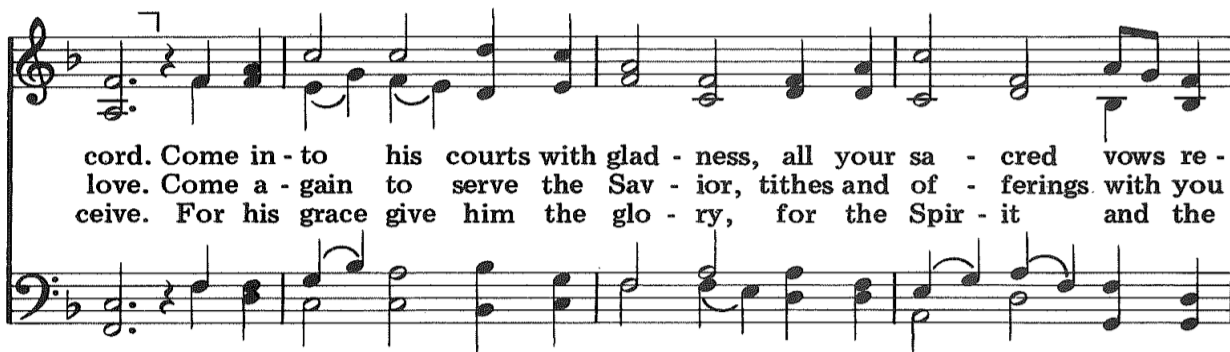
*Offer your bodies as living sacrifices . . . be transformed . . . Rom. 12:1-2*



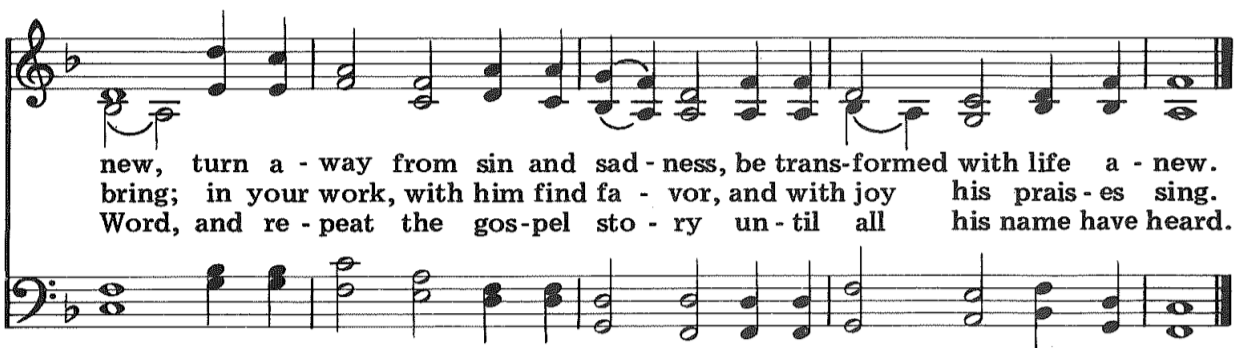
1. Come, all Chris-tians, be com-mit - ted to the ser - vice of the  
2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, they are gifts from God a -  
3. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, all who on Christ's name be -



Lord; make your lives for him more fit - ted, tune your hearts with one ac -  
bove, to be used by Chris-tians free - ly to pro-claim his won-drous  
lieve; wor-ship him with con - se - cra - tion, grace and love will you re -



cord. Come in - to his courts with glad - ness, all your sa - cred vows re -  
love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, tithes and of - ferings with you  
ceive. For his grace give him the glo - ry, for the Spir - it and the



new, turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, be trans-formed with life a - new.  
bring; in your work, with him find fa - vor, and with joy his prais - es sing.  
Word, and re - peat the gos-pel sto - ry un - til all his name have heard.

WORDS: Eva B. Lloyd, 1966, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. James H. Wood, 1958

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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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**Sarah Huiest**

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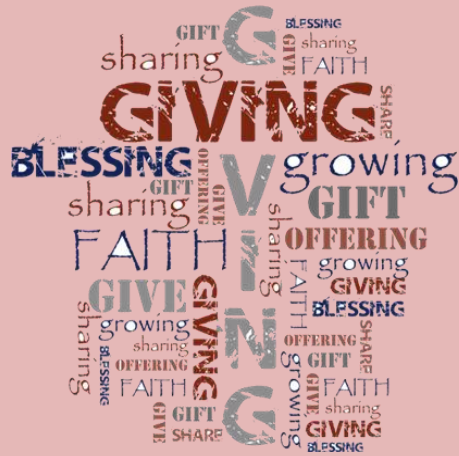
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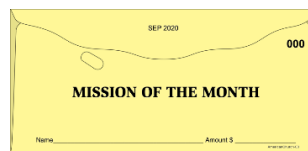
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