



Eighteenth Sunday

after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

10:00 AM

Order of Service

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

Words of Welcome

"It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves."

(Matthew 22:37-40)

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.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you,
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

CONTEMPLATION

**"The day the power of love overrules the love of power,
the world will know peace."**

~Jimi Hendrix

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE TO:

Griffin Macomber

INTROIT “God is Here Today”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are the people
*who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seats of the people who make fun of others.*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God’s law, day and night.

The Lord watches over the way of righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.



* HYMN 563 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

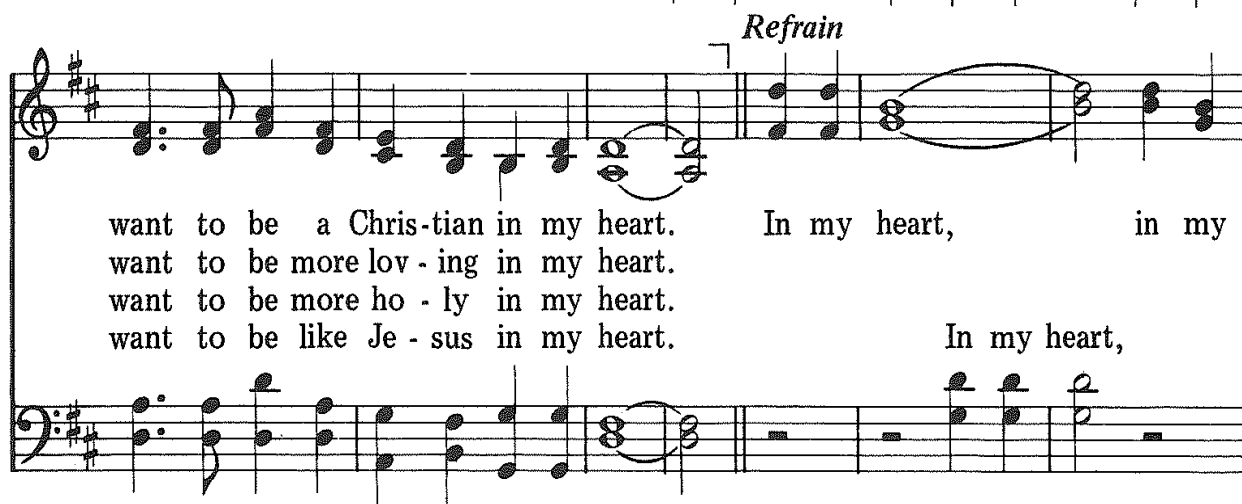
563 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Mt. 5:6




1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

Refrain



want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. In my heart, in my
 want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 want to be like Je - sus in my heart. In my heart,



heart, Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Irregular

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Our Song of Hope: V. Our Hope in Daily Life #11

We pray for the fruits of the Spirit of Christ who works for peace on earth, commands us to love our enemies, and calls for patience among the nations.

We give thanks for God's work among governments, seeking to resolve disputes by means other than war, placing human kindness above national pride, replacing the curse of war with international self-control.

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION** "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of Wisdom, forgive our foolishness.
We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy.
You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict.
Give us your grace,
that we may harvest righteousness and peace,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray.
Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Do Not, O Lord, Withhold Your Mercy" (3 times)

*Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy.
Grant us grace, grant us hope,
Grant us strength, grant us peace.
Let your steadfast love keep us safe forever.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW - Ephesians 4:1, 4-6

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 “Blessed Are They”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Peace”

HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"



Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____
 Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____

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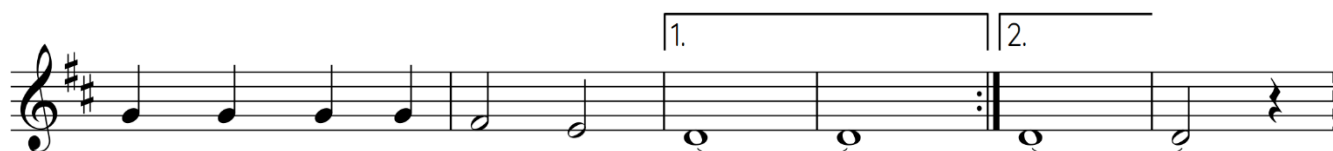
there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. _____
 there's des - pair in life, let me bring hope. _____

Where
 Where



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, _____
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____

and
 and



where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____



Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek. _____

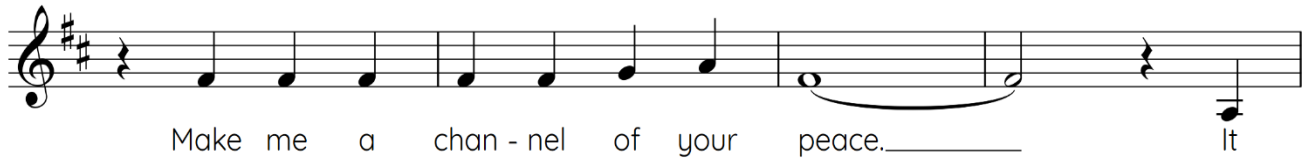
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much to be con-soled as to console, _____ to be un-der-stood



as to un-der stand, _____ to be loved as to love with all my soul. _____



*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.
 Amen.*

POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Worship Team

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Melody York

Deacon of the Day
Marv Helf

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Kyrra Howard

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Maggie George

Coffee Hour Host
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Ben April

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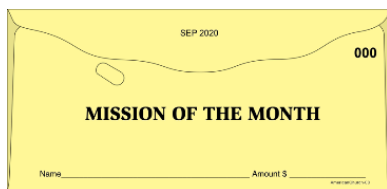
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*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall
be called the children of God.*

MATTHEW 5:9





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