



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023
Order of Service – 10:00 am

* - 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

"People say, what is the sense of our small effort? They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do."

~ Dorothy Day

PRELUDE “It is Well”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE –

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is not great sacrifice that you require of us, God,
*filling your temple with slaughtered animals, or the
overflowing rivers of our wealth;*

It is not labored rituals or burdens of religious practice that you
demand of us, God,
*proving our devotion through the exhaustion of our souls, or
the callouses on our knees;*

No, what you require, what you have asked of us is just this:
*always to act with justice,
always to love mercy,
and always to walk humbly with you.*

What you require is not heavy, but it does ask of us our lives,
given in thoughts, words and deeds,
of life-bringing fellowship with you, and with this world
that you love so much. 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-ished 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 rich 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

Though it may seem foolish,
We boast in the cross!

The wisdom of God,
the place of infinite Love's
extravagant sacrifice,
the sign of scandalous grace
welcoming all.

***We praise you, O Christ, for your cross,
and for the love and grace we find there.***

Though it may seem weak,
We boast in the cross!

The power of God,
the scene of death's demise
and life's unstoppable outbreak,
the mark of evil's failure
to extinguish the light of goodness and peace.

***We praise you, O Christ, for your cross,
and for the life and goodness we find there.***

In the face of this world's information economy
and petty power-games,
***we boast in the foolishness and weakness
of the cross of Christ.***

For in it we find all the wisdom and power
that makes this world whole. Amen.

*TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Lord, Be Gloried"

***In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.***

***In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long to know your presence
and your blessing God;
to know that we have found a place
in your realm;

And so, we commit to being those
who acknowledge our poverty of spirit,
and who grieve rightly our brokenness and losses;
For this is how we open ourselves to blessing.

We dedicate ourselves to humility,
and to a constant, never-ceasing hunger and thirst for justice;
For this is how we open ourselves to blessing.

We seek to always act with compassion and mercy,
and to keep our hearts pure –
free from destructiveness,
and bound by integrity;
For this is how we open ourselves to blessing.

We devote ourselves
to working for peace,
and to constant celebration and rejoicing,
even in the face of hardship,
persecution,
and struggle;
For this is how we open ourselves to blessing.

Gracious and Compassionate God, we offer ourselves to you again, in
worship and obedience, in lives committed to the purposes and
practices of your reign;
***For in this way, we know, we are blessed, and we are a
blessing. 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 – Melody York

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.

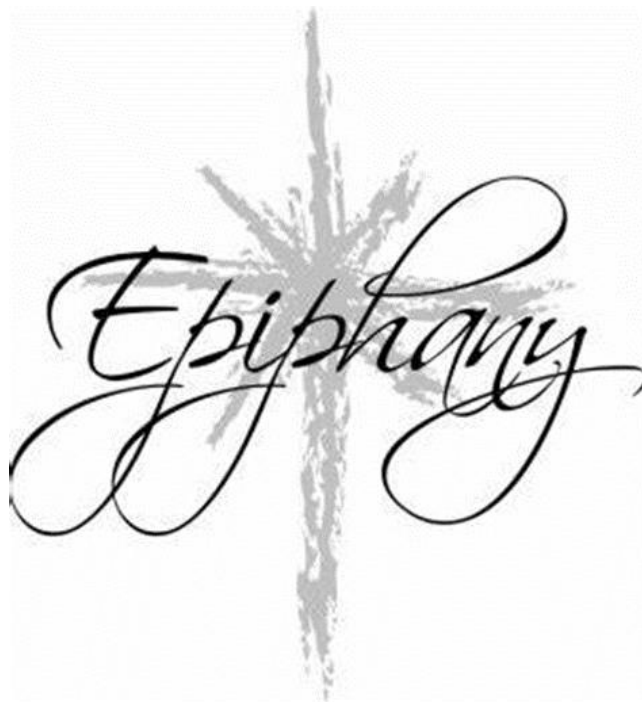
ANTHEM “Salvation is Here”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

THE MORNING MESSAGE “When God Is Found”



*HYMN "We Are Called"



Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to
to be hope for the hope - less, so all
and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!

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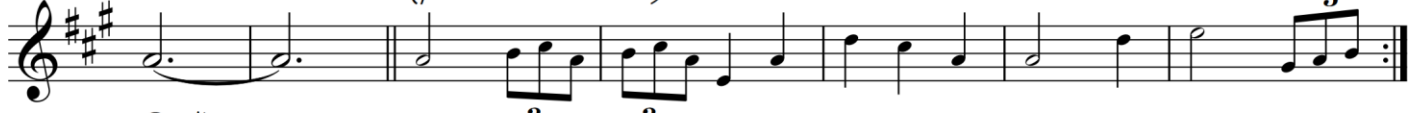


We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to love ten-der - ly,



we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum bly with

(piano transition)



God!

*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.*

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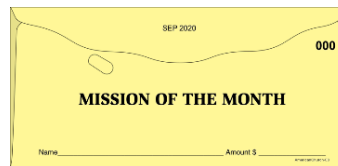
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You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crcclori@gmail.com.



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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