



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 20, 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

“The Church does not dispense the sacrament of baptism in order to acquire for herself an increase in membership but in order to consecrate a human being to God and to communicate to that person the divine gift of birth from God.”

— Hans Urs von Balthasar

PRELUDE “Shepherd Me, O God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world that too easily wounds and breaks,
we long for those who will heal and restore;

In a world that too easily divides and dissects,
we long for those who will unify and interweave;

In a world that too easily excludes and judges,
we long for those who will include and understand;

And in a world where your call, O God, can still be heard,
*we long for the courage to answer,
and to be the ones we long for.*

Amen.

HYMN #77 - “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

*1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love he befriend thee.*

*4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!*

***Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.***

THE RESPONSIVE READING

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, ***or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.***

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Lord is My Light” (3 times)

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we're honest, compassion does not come easy to us, God;
We see others who struggle;

those without homes, or food;
***those dying from curable diseases, simply because they can't
get access to the medicine they need;***

those who have lost loved ones through death or circumstance, and
long for human companionship;
***those who are persecuted and judged because of their
difference;***

those who are facing the awful consequences of bad choices they
have made;
***and those who must live with the consequences of choices
that others make that impact their lives;***

It all just feels like it's too much,
and there's nothing we can do.

But, we know that's not true – we know that compassion is enough;
***that when we allow ourselves to feel, compassion will lead us
to do what we can, and that this will make a difference.***

And so, we pray first for ourselves: that you would soften our hearts,
and still our fears,
***and lead us into those acts of compassion that we are
capable of doing.***

And then we pray for all of these others whose lives can be changed
through small, simple acts of care;

that you would disturb us, and others like us, until we finally step up and play our part in the saving of your world;

and that enough of us would answer your call,
that the needs of the hurting ones may be met. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Wait For The Lord" (3 times)

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ based on Psalm 91:14-15

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ Sarah Huiest

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Tina Bottini

CALL TO OFFERING

The world says: "Be sure to get what's coming to you."
***Scripture says: "Life doesn't consist of what you possess."
(Luke 12:15)***

The world says: "Spend and accumulate goods."
***Scripture says: "Give and you will develop character."
(Philippians 4:17)***

The world says: "Wealth is a person's security."
***Scripture says: "Refuge in God is our security." (Isaiah
57:20)***

The world says: "You deserve the best."
Scripture says: "God deserves the best." (Malachi 1:6-14)

The world says: "Give so that you may obtain favor from others."
***Scripture says: "Give because you have received favor from
God." (Luke 12:48b)***

The world says: "Seek your own gratification."
***Scripture says: "Offer to God your gratitude." (Colossians
3:16)***

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

Loving and Giving God, we are grateful for all of life. Help us to use your gifts wisely and to be loving, just, and generous. Join the variety of gifts that we bring and multiply them to create a world according to your purpose. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Beth Colbert

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 Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Sleeping Christ"

HYMN #638 - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

BENEDICTION

THE FOURFOLD AMEN

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