



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2024**

**Order of Service – 9:00 am**

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*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**

**“I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.”**

~ Ezekiel 36:26

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

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE “We Shall Overcome”

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

***Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.***

God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Destined us to be children of God,  
and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

***Let us worship God.***

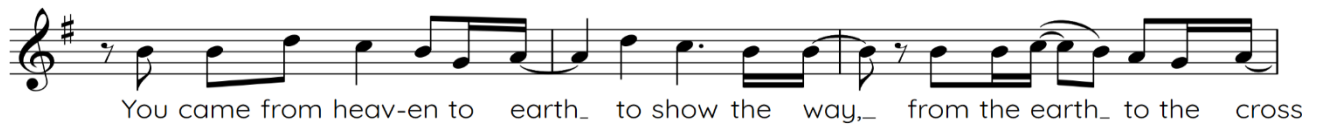
\* HYMN “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (2 times)



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth\_ to show the way,\_ from the earth\_ to the cross



— my debt to pay;— from the cross— to the grave,



— from the grave— to the sky;— Lord, I lift your name on high.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
You are the God of glory.  
We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous.  
We take our impurities for granted,  
make excuses for the sins we commit,  
and expect you to overlook the harm we cause while still  
demanding justice from others.  
We do not deserve your mercy.  
Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
You made us for the purpose of praising you;  
enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing, Praise & Bless the Lord” (3 times)

*Sing, praise and bless the Lord.  
Sing, praise and bless the Lord.  
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!*

### DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace  
And joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your kingdom.*

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 "Everlasting God"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,  
and those who live in it;  
for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

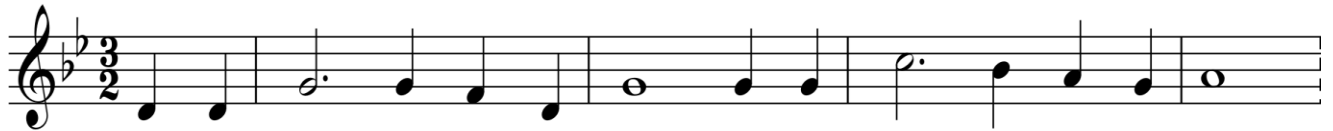
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Clean Hands"

## HYMN "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"



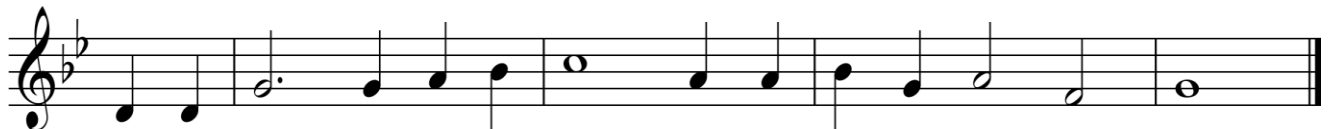
Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des-ert still,  
"Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.  
With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,



call-ing us to make a choice, bid-ding us to do God's will:  
Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.  
and his time - less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
Soon the Lord will come in power, burn - ing clean the thresh-ing floor:  
So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,



Quit-ting all the sin you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.  
then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."  
till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of 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.*

# Worship Team

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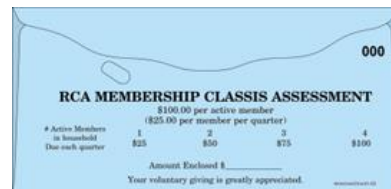
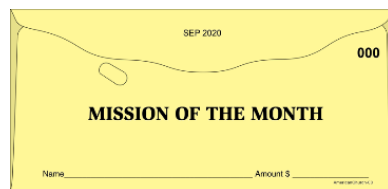
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