



*The Twenty-third Sunday
After
Pentecost*



November 13, 2022

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

NO, LORD.

PRELUDE "Arabesque No. 1 in E Major"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Côté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "Holy Ground"

*CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

~ written by Bruce Prewer
(inspired by Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23,
Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-6)

I believe in God
who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

***I believe in Christ Jesus,
free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptized in the waters of the Jordan.***

I believe in the Spirit
who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.

***I believe that those who are baptized into Christ
shall share his Spirit, his mission
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.***

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged,
and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

***I believe that this believing is a gift from God,
not to be used for self-gratification
but for the building up of the church
and for humble service the world.***

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God,
the recipient of a healing grace
which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

***With the help of God,
I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life,
and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
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 bling and the lame;
Gath-er us in, the right 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 heat 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kole M. Reardon

Child of Mark and Brittany Reardon

Catherine Mae Scholer

Child of Marc Scholer and Amy Carr

Amber L. Tobin

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 28:18-20, John 1:12-13

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:18-20).

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who are born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13).

THE PROMISE

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to this covenant people. In baptism God promises by grace alone:

To forgive our sins:

To adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;

To send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;

And to resurrect us to eternal life.

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

Water cleanses... purifies... refreshes... sustains...

Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

***To love and trust God completely;
To forsake the evil of the world; and
To live a new and holy life.***

THE PRESENTATION

THE VOWS

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (universal) Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

DECLARATION, BLESSING AND WELCOME

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Blessing and Praise” (3 times)

***Blessing and praise be given,
Blessing and praise be given
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,
Comes in the name of the Lord.***

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you have showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved.

We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention.

We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly.

We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness. We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world's standards rather than facing the challenge of conforming to those of Christ.

Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only.

Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love;

who willingly serve our neighbors - even those we don't especially like; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come.

This we pray in your name and for your sake. 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.*

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

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 “Baptized in His Name”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

THE MORNING MESSAGE “There’s No Middle Ground”

***HYMN 747 "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

*1 Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.*

*2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet Amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*3 Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest:
lead on, O God of might.*

***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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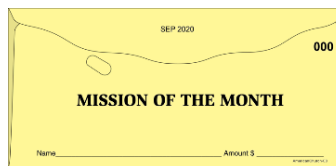
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There are three special offering envelopes for November

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

To join Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

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