



## *The First Sunday in Lent*

February 18, 2024  
Order of Service – 10:00 am

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

"You must wait and listen for the sound of the genuine that is within you.  
When you hear it, that will be your voice and the voice of God."

Howard Thurman, author and civil rights leader

PRELUDE "Give Me Jesus"

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

**PRAYER SHAWL** - The prayer shawl out this morning is for Diane Myers. Diane is a friend of Sue and Barry Bredice who has also performed work at CRCC for many years.

**THE ELDER'S PRAYER** – Linda Murphy

## THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

**INTROIT** “Make Me a Servant”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! There is hope to be found here. So, let us gather and settle our worries and our fears.

***Speak, Lord, for we are listening.***

Listen! God calls you by name here. So, let us rest and relax and be relieved of any tension.

***Speak, Lord, I heard you call my name.***

Listen! There is love that abides here. Know that God never stops seeking us and God always finds us.

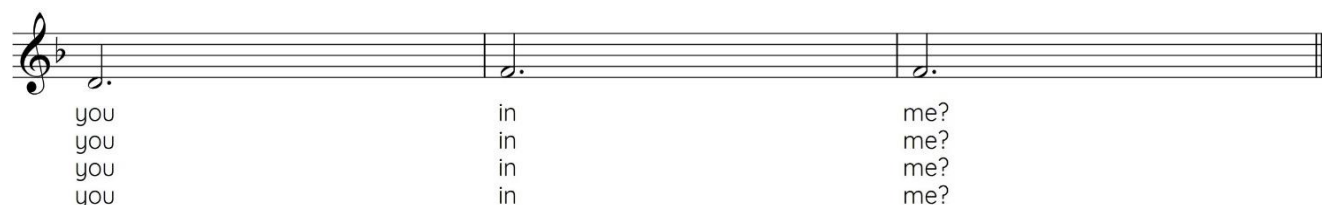
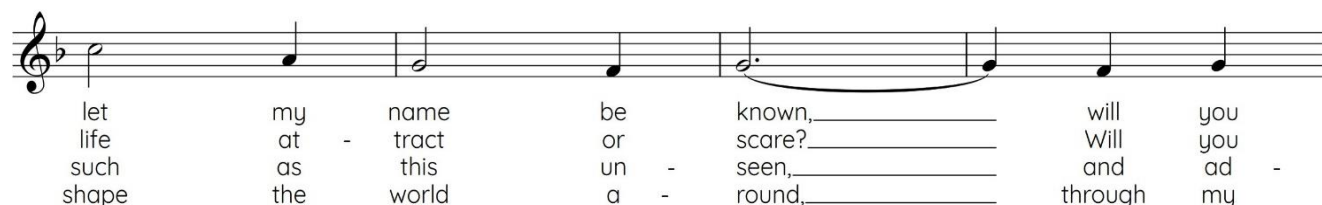
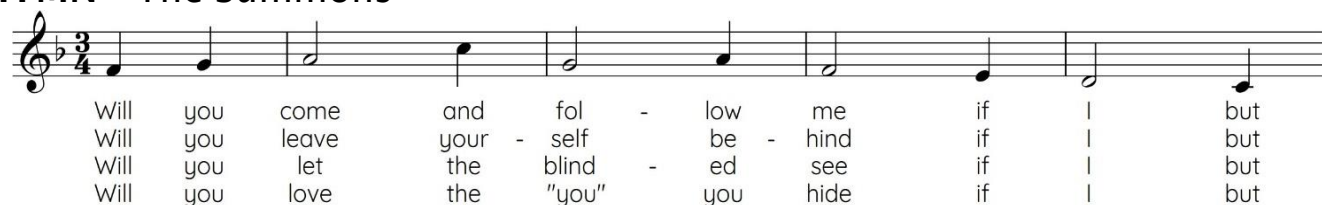
***This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen and discover God calling us.***

God is speaking. Let us worship.

***Amen.***



# \* HYMN "The Summons"



## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in a God of abundance, who sees the possibilities where I cannot and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.*

*I believe in a God who comforts, who says, "Do not be afraid;" and who joins me in life's deep waters.*

*I believe in a God who invites, who says, "Follow me," and, "You will become fishers of people."*

*I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently, a God of second chances and boundless mercy, a God who calls us by name.*

*I believe.  
Please help my unbelief.  
Amen.*

## \*TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Lord Be Glorified"

*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.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, you call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.*

*Over and over again, we stand silent and surprised to find you in our midst and speaking to us. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat and our lives.*

*Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, our savior. In your name we pray. Amen.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Come O Lord and Set Us Free" (3 times)

*Come, O Lord, and set us free;  
Give your people peace.  
Come, O Lord, and set us free;  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## 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 "Deep River"

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

### THE MORNING MESSAGE Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter "Jesus Sought Me"

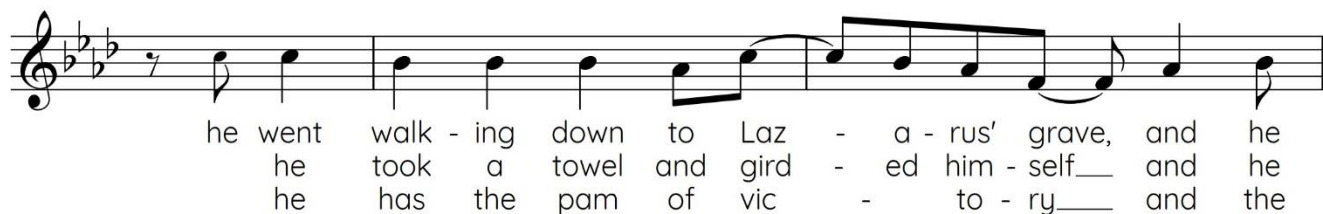


# \*HYMN "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"

*Refrain:*



*Verses:*



## \*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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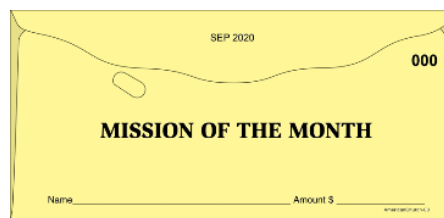
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**There are three special offering envelopes for February.**

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**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:

<https://tinyurl.com/CRCCZoom>

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# Wandering Heart

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