

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2024

Order of Service - 9:00 am

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Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in *bold italics.* * - Please rise in body or in spirit

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

When you put on the full armor of God you are telling the Devil he has to go through Jesus to get to you!

~anonymous

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Melody York

INTROIT "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

We open pour eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord! *** HYMN** "You Are My Hiding Place" (2 times)



***CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Belgic Confession parts of Article 8

In keeping with this truth and word of God we believe in one God, who is one single essence, in whom there are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Father is the cause, origin, and source of all things, visible and invisible.

The Son is the word, the wisdom, and the image of the Father. The Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son.

There is neither first nor last, for all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy.

***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

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Marv Helf

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 "Lead Me to the Cross"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to guench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Put on the Whole Armor 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.

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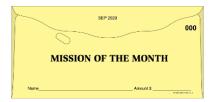
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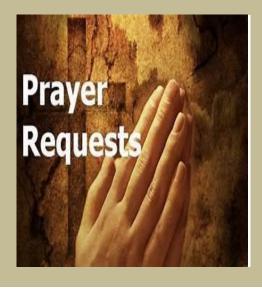
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The Sword of the Spirit, Shield of Faith, Breastplate of Righteousness Helmet of Salvation Belt of Truth Boots of Peace

EPHESIANS 6