

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**Sunday,  
September 17, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Sanctuary Worship  
Order of Service

\* - 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 are what you do, not what you say you'll do.”

~ C. G. Jung

PRELUDE “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

**THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

***The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.***

God brought us out of the land of bondage and has made us free.

***The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.***

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are God's acts.

***The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.***



\*HYMN 532 "Be Thou My Vision"

# Be Thou My Vision 532

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Mt. 17:8

*Unison*

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er  
3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by  
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,  
heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.  
ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Traditional Irish hymn, c. 8th C.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912  
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

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# THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Marv Helf – Deacon, Finance  
Melody York – Elder, Worship and Music Committee

## PRESENTATION

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

## RESPONSE TO ORDINATION

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord this deacon and this elder as duly elected and installed servants of Christ?

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the office for which they have been chosen and ordained?

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together with them in obedience to the gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ?

### **WE DO.**

Beloved People of God, receive this elder and this deacon as Christ's own servants. Support them in love that their work may bear fruit.

In the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that Marv is lawfully installed as a deacon in this congregation and that Melody is lawfully installed as an elder.

### **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **\*MEDITATION "Bless the Lord"**

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious and loving God,  
you lived for us - we have not lived for you.  
You have forgiven us - we have not forgiven others.  
You have loved us - we have not loved ourselves  
nor have we loved one another.  
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.  
Help us to forgive.  
Help us to live for you.  
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord Jesus Christ”

*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.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

*God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ;  
therefore, we will live as grateful and forgiven people!*

In Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven.

*Thanks be to God!*

## 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.*

## SOLOIST “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you seventy times seven. “For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

## Philippians 3:12-16

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

**MORNING MESSAGE** "Keep Working At It"

\*HYMN 77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

# 77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-  
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-  
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-  
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-  
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new what the Al-  
 fore him! Let the A-men sound from his

tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?  
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.  
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665

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**\*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.*

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**Rev. Robert Hoffman**

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**Linda Murphy**

Deacon  
**Kevin Ingalls**

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**Vicki Lane**

Soloist  
**Marv Helf**

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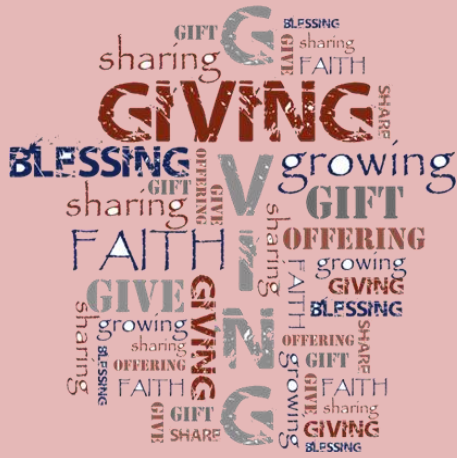
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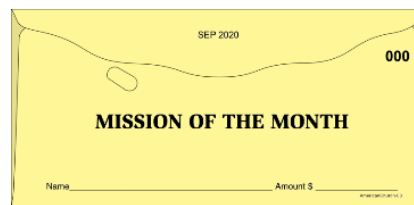
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