



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 31, 2022

Order of Service – 9:00 am

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

* - 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

I have lived to thank God that all my prayers
have not been answered.

~Jean Ingelow

PRELUDE “Prelude In G Major”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

It's a simple choice, really, one that should be easy.

Do we create need -

Building our lives around a void that we feed and feed, but is never satisfied; storing more than we will ever use, to silence our fear, while ignoring the cries of those we have left empty?

Or do we create plenty -

Finding satisfaction in enough, finding joy in what can't be owned and life in what is not for sale; seeking to share life and joy and food and wealth, so that these blessings are multiplied, and celebrated.

Teach us, Jesus, in our homes and families, our communities and neighborhoods, our countries and continents, to always make the simple choice

to create plenty wherever and however we may. Amen.

*HYMN 532 “Be Thou My Vision”

***1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.***

***3 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.***

RESPONSIVE READING

Worry and stress are not hard for us, God,
we do them without thinking.

There is always the potential of threat
to our security,

***our comfort,
our health,
our relationships,
our lives,***

and we foolishly think that we could silence the fear

***if we just had enough money,
enough insurance,
enough toys,
enough stored away for a rainy day.***

It's never enough, though;

the voice of our fear will not be dismissed so easily.

But, in the small, silent places within us is another voice;

one that beckons us into the foolishness of faith,

***that points our gaze to the birds and the flowers,
that, in unguarded moments, lets our muscles relax,
and our hearts lean into loved ones;***

In unexpected whispers we hear it,

calling us to remember your promises,

***your grace,
your faithfulness;***

And, suddenly, we discover

that it is enough.

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.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

How did it happen, God? How did we come to believe in scarcity? In “not enough to go around;” In “you gotta look after yourself”?

How did we miss the plenty bursting out around us? How did we fall for the deception that what we can grasp in our hands would ever be enough? How did we grow so blind and so foolish, that we would allow so much beauty and life, joy and laughter, sharing and love, to pass us by unnoticed?

How poor we have become, and how poor we have made others, simply because we forgot your infinite, overflowing abundance; because we allowed ourselves to think that sharing and giving leaves us with less; because we nurtured appetites that are never satisfied unless they have far more than is needed, thinking our gluttony would silence our fear.

Forgive us and teach us about your generosity again; remind us that you are able and willing to do far more than we can imagine;

and open our eyes to the plenty we enjoy, the plenty we can share, and all the plentiful goodness in our world that cannot be owned, but can enjoyed by all. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come & Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!***

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE - John 3:16-17

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.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Money Can Be A Blessing Or A Curse"

*HYMN "Without Seeing You"

Refrain:

*Without seeing you, we love you;
Without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow;
Without seeing you, we believe.*

*We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust.
Turn to you with tears and fasting, you are ready to forgive.*

Refrain

*Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God.
Proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.
Refrain*

*For you are our shepherd, there is nothing that we need.
In green pastures we will find our rest, near the waters of peace.
Refrain*

***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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GENERAL NOTICES

Tuesday, August 2

Children at the Lord's Table communion class will meet at the church from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Friday, August 5

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Saturday, August 27

The Worship Team will meet at 9 am to clean "the dungeon", the choir loft, the choir room and all worship storage closets. Any help from the congregation-at-large would be welcomed and appreciated.

Sunday, August 28

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship at approximately 10 am. At this meeting elections for elders and deacons will take place and the 2022-23 budget will be presented. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outdoors. Otherwise, the meeting will be in the sanctuary. Also, the meeting will be streamed via Zoom.

Sunday, September 4

Final 9 am Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 11

Sanctuary worship at 10 am. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Children at the Lord's Table



Communion classes will take place at the church on **Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, and 30** from 6pm-7pm. For more information, please see Sarah Huiest crccsarah@gmail.com.



July's Mission of the Month is Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, "a nonprofit organization that strives to improve lives by giving young people access to education, support and resources that may be otherwise unavailable." Their mission is, "to provide specialized programs, mentoring, professional guidance, and academic and financial support for qualifying high school students in the Capital Region. By

assembling a network of business leaders, educational advocates, and dedicated volunteers, promising youth are provided opportunity and access to higher education that may be otherwise unavailable.”

To support Sponsor-A-Scholar, you may make a donation through your yellow July “Mission of the Month” offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with “Sponsor-A-Scholar” on the memo line, or directly through their website: <https://crsas.org/donate/>

Nursery Provider Needed! We are seeking an individual to protect and care for children ages 3 and younger during worship services beginning in August. Applicants need to be caring, reliable, responsible, punctual, have prior childcare experience, and be at least 17 years of age. Interested individuals should contact Sarah Huiest, (crccsarah@gmail.com) for more information.



**May 22 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM**

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather-related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS

The **Consistory** is currently accepting nominations to fill elder/deacon vacancies on Consistory, beginning in September.

There is **one vacancy** on the **Board of Elders** (Hospitality and Congregational Care- 4-year term) and **one vacancy** on the **Board of Deacons** (Creation Care and Stewardship - 4-year term) to be filled.

Those elected to the office of **elder** are called along with pastors to encourage spiritual growth among the members of the congregation and to help them walk in the way of Christ. Those elected to the office of **deacon** are responsible for the ministry of compassion and material maintenance, representing God's love and mercy in Christ. By bringing together the offices of pastor, elder and deacon, the **consistory** continues the full ministry of Christ in our day.

Nominees **must** be **active members** of the congregation.

I wish to nominate:

	Deacon	Elder
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your name: _____

(unsigned ballots will be discarded)

Minister of Word and Sacrament
Rev. Bruce K. Cornwell

Elder of the Day
Linda Murphy

Deacon of the Day
Kevin Bottini

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Tuesday - Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Wednesday - Genesis 15:1-6
Thursday - Psalm 33:12-22
Friday - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Saturday - Luke 12:32-40
Sunday Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day,
I will imagine you as my mother or father,
teaching me to walk with cords of human kindness
and love, a tether as you guide me along.
Therefore, I will not fear failure
or worry that I will not have enough time or goods
if I give a little to those in need. Amen.
us. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
Thank you for bringing me home to you.
As I fall asleep, I will consider your steadfast love for me
and repeat with my breathing,
“You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you.
You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you.”
Amen

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