

*Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 15, 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

"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

"Integrity is making sure that the things you say
and the things you do are in alignment."

- Katrina Mayer

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER SHAWL - We have a prayer shawl out this morning for Elle, a young woman who is battling cancer. Her family includes a son who is just one year of age. Elle is the step granddaughter of Georgianna Belus.

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will extol you, my God and king and I will bless your name forever
and ever.

***Every day I will bless you and I will praise your name forever
and ever.***

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! God's greatness is
unsearchable!

***One generation shall praise your works to another and shall
declare your mighty acts.***

I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your
wondrous works.

***People shall speak of the might of your awesome acts and tell
of your greatness. They shall eagerly tell the memory of your
goodness and shall sing of your righteousness.***

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 593 "The Gift of Love"

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, and have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, and have not love:
so my love pro - fess, but not be given
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love

my words are vain; as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
by love with - in, the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
guide ev - ery deed; by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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GIFT OF LOVE
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you have given us all that we need. We have been so blessed by your grace, mercy and peace. We know we should be more eager and willing to share this good news with others and pray for your forgiveness for those times we were silent when we could have spoken up. We also know there will be more opportunities for us to do so, and we pray your Spirit will give us courage and confidence when they arise.

We also pray that our lives will be a faithful witness of what we believe and what we speak, so help us to live honest and sincere and faithful lives. Guide us by your word and Spirit today and always. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me” (3 times)

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

*TAIZÉ MEDITATION “I Belong to You, O God”

Refrain:

*I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.
I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.*

*In the morning when I rise, I belong to you.
In the morning when I rise, I belong to you.
In the evening when I sleep, I belong to you.
In the evening when I sleep, I belong to you.*

Refrain

*My comfort in this life is I belong to you.
My comfort in this life is I belong to you.
My comfort when I die is I belong to you.
My comfort when I die is I belong to you.*

Refrain

*My body and my soul, they belong to you.
My body and my soul, they belong to you.
My body and my soul, they belong to you.
My body and my soul, they belong to you.*

Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 "God of Wonders"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Pray Like a Champion Today”



HYMN 21 "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

*Author's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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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.
 Amen.*

POSTLUDE "Fantasy on Holy Manna"

Worship Team

Worship Leader Mark Kaercher	Soloist Ben April
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Deacon of the Day Jessica Kaercher	Video Technician Cameron Kaercher
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	Coffee Hour Host Maggie George

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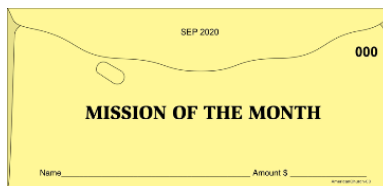
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