

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



***Sunday,  
August 20, 2023  
9:00 AM***

Outdoor Worship  
Order of Service

**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

“There is nothing more irreligious than self-absorbed religion.”

— J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

PRELUDE “The Love of Christ”

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

#### INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God  
*is the life, the sustenance,  
of all that is – seen and unseen.*

The Life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ  
*is the re-creation, the renewed birth of every broken,  
wounded and sinful creature.*

The breath you breathed, and keep breathing, O Spirit  
*is the inspiration for creativity, compassion and  
community that connects and unites all that God has  
made.*

Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God,  
*our worship seeks to honor you  
our hearts are devoted to you  
and our lives are completely given over to you. Amen.*



\*HYMN 90 "Christ if the World's Light"

# Christ Is the World's Light 90

He said, "I am the light of the world." Jn. 8:12

*Unison*

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er; born in our  
 2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er; no one can  
 3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er; sold once for  
 4. Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er; give God the

dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er— if we have seen him,  
 serve him, and de - spise an - oth - er. Who else u - nites us,  
 sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er— he, who re - deems us,  
 glo - ry, Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther; give God the glo - ry,

we have seen the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
 one in God the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
 reigns with God the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
 God - with - us our broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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## ✳RESPONSIVE READING

We are a world that is desperate for you, God.

When powers struggle for dominance,  
and war, oppression and abuse result;

When groups of people oppose one another

***because of ideology, religion or culture;***

We need a God who is bigger than ourselves,  
and our personal interests.

When people are disregarded and devalued

***because of poverty, geography or disease;***

When compassion and justice is withheld to some because of  
sexuality, race or gender;

We need a Savior who is more compassionate than we are

***who includes even those we would exclude.***

When resources are mismanaged and abused,

***and the world and its creatures are destroyed;***

When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply

***to address the challenges that we face;***

We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative

***than we could ever be.***

Lord God, Loving Savior, Empowering Spirit,

***we offer you these prayers***

***because we need you so desperately.***

Captivate us, call us and fill us,

***that we may be carriers of your eternal life to this world***

***that you love so dearly.***

Amen.

## ✳MEDITATION “Sing Praises”

***Sing praises, all you peoples,***

***sing praises to the Lord.***

***Sing praises, all you peoples,***

***sing praises to the Lord!***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we pray God,  
pretending we know best for ourselves and those around us,  
and seeking to control what is uncontrollable,  
We reveal our idolatry.

***Forgive us and help us, O God.***

When we act like martyrs,  
hiding our selfishness and brokenness behind a mask of self-  
sacrifice and self-righteousness.  
We reveal our lovelessness.

***Forgive us and help us, O Christ.***

When we fail to be the people we long to be,  
repeating the same mistakes,  
forgetting the same lessons,  
losing heart and running out of energy and inspiration.  
We reveal our weakness.

***Forgive us and help us, O Spirit.***

Triune God, we need you to come to us again  
as God,  
as Savior,  
as Counsellor.

Thank you that our forgiveness, healing and growth lies not in how  
hard we work, but in how gracious you are.

And so we pray, with all that we are:

***Forgive us and help us.***

***For the sake of your Kingdom.***

***Amen.***

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.***

***You alone, O Lord, are holy.***

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace,***

***Alleluia!***

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### 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.*

SOLOIST "If the Savior Stood Beside Me"

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 29: 15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.

Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

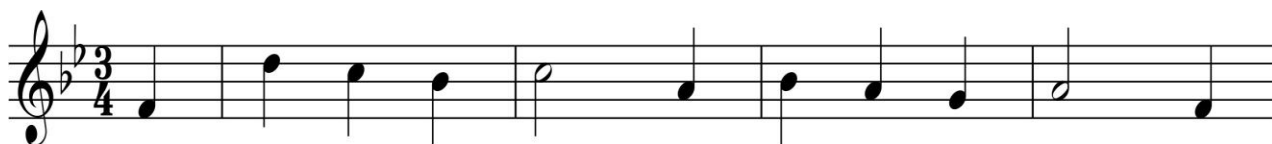
Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country--giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

#### MORNING MESSAGE "The Bachelor: Israel Edition"

## \*HYMN "Together We Serve"



To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in -  
 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a  
 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the  
 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re -



vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We  
 lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We  
 bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care. We  
 mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -



work and we pray through sor - row and joy, ex -  
 learn, year by year, to let love shine through un -  
 of - fer a home to those who will come, our  
 geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, re -



tend - ing your love to the last and the least.  
 til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
 hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
 mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

## \*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.*

## WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader  
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**Sarah Huiest**

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Reminder: If you are feeling under the weather, please remain home and participate in worship via Zoom

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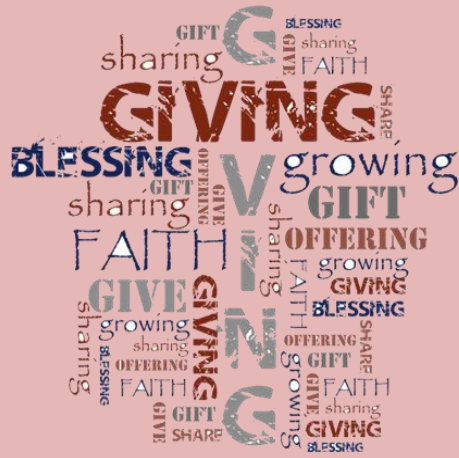
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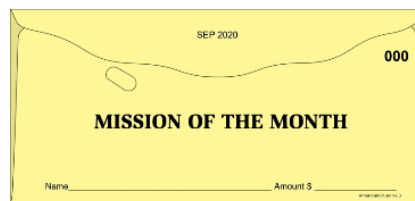
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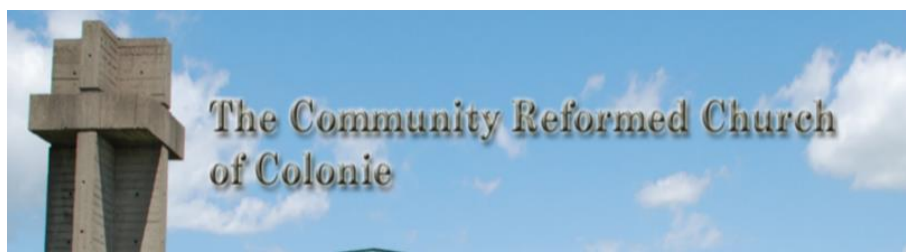
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