



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 22, 2021

Order of Worship
9:00 am

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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

Martin Luther did not regard the water in baptism as common water, but as a water which had become, through the Word with its inherent divine power, a gracious water of life, a washing of regeneration. Through this divine efficacy of the Word the sacrament effects regeneration.

~ Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

PRELUDE "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
"Morning Has Broken"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

INTROIT "How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, untamed by the names we give you,
Come and meet us.

God of creation, whose hands shaped mud into your likeness,
Come and meet us.

Persistent God, touching and molding us still,
Come and meet us.

Tender God, who is forming us into a sign of the new community,
We are here to meet you.

HYMN 60 Great is Thy Faithfulness

*1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]*

*3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

THE RESPONSIVE READING

We praise You, Lord God,
that Your Way is found
*not by travelling an exclusive highway,
or in secrets preserved only for some,*
but in the open field of love and grace,
where all who choose may come and play.

We praise You, Lord God,
that Your Truth is heard
*not only in the words of scholars and authors,
or in brittle, inflexible ideas,*
but in honest questions
and difficult conversations,
in the courageous attempts of simple people
to live lives of integrity.

We praise You, Lord God,
that Your Life is discovered
*not just in the predictable places of beauty and wealth
or within the confines of clearly demarcated norms,*

but in the unexpected generosity and pride
of those who have nothing,
in the creativity and risk
*of trying new things,
and defending the vulnerable.*

We open ourselves again to Your call,
determined to do what we promise,
*to follow Your Way,
to embody Your Truth
to share Your Life.*
And to do it all with thanksgiving and praise.
Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Bless the Lord" (3 times)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Following you, Jesus, is a hard thing to do;
So many seek to tell us the "right" way,
and too many of these paths are filled
with violence and hatred.
These roads are easy,
they make us feel strong and vindicated,
and they give us the shallow pleasure
of watching our enemies hurt.
But, when the dust settles, we realize
that we have lost some of our humanity,
and we have lost our connection with you.*

*In the end we cannot deny that you are a God of peace,
a God of the cross, and of forgiveness spoken with your dying breath.
And for this we are grateful,
for if it were not so we would have no hope
because we too have offended you.*

*We praise you, God, for peace;
for your compassion and grace
that refuse to allow our worst selves
to define our relationship with you;
for the quiet, inexorable silencing of violence
that grows among us as we seek to follow
your peace-making ways. 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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ~ Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD ~ Marv Helf

CALL TO OFFERING

God of Love, God of our baptism,
we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts.
Inspire each person to invest fully in the work you set before us.

Let us offer our gifts to God

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gracious God, we are surrounded by countless acts of your graciousness and are empowered in every way by your sustaining love. Receive the fruits of our labors which we lay before you, and bless them to your glory.

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ~ Ana Crosbourn

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 Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing

what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "How to Eat an Oreo"

HYMN 70 "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"

*1 God is Love: let heaven adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes thro' all creation,
God is Love, eternal Love.*

*2 God is Love: and love enfolds us
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.*

*3 God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.*

BENEDICTION

THE FOURFOLD AMEN

STAINER



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