

**Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
June 16, 2024**

**Order of Service - 9:00 am  
Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM**

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

Choose to view life through God's eyes. This will not be easy because it doesn't come naturally to us. We cannot do this on our own. We have to allow God to elevate our vantage point. Start by reading His Word, the Bible...Pray and ask God to transform your thinking. Let Him do what you cannot. Ask Him to give you an eternal, divine perspective.

**Chuck Swindoll**

**PRELUDE** "Our Great God"

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**THE ELDER'S PRAYER** – Linda Murphy

**INTROIT** "Holy Ground"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is like a mustard seed,  
which is the smallest of all seeds on earth;  
*it grows and becomes the greatest of shrubs,  
and birds of the air make nests in its shade.*

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.  
*Thanks be to God!*



\* HYMN 353 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

5. For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
 offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us  
And renew us in the image of God:  
***shine in our darkness.***

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:  
***lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.***

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:  
***enable us to discern your presence in each person.***

Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:  
***open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.***

Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:  
***renew in us the spirit of childhood.***

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:  
***open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen.***

## TAIZÉ MEDITATION “In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (3 times)

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful  
In the Lord I will rejoice.  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.***

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us  
that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom.  
Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness,  
for we walk by sight and not by faith.  
Forgive us, Lord;  
we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.  
We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.  
We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.***

*Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but the Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.*

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Holy Spirit Come to Us" (3 times)

*Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Kindle in us the fire of your love  
Holy Spirit, come to us,  
Holy Spirit, come to us.*

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

## 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 "Come As You Are"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you,

and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## **2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### **Mark 4:26-34**

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**THE MORNING MESSAGE “God Seeing”**





## Worship Team

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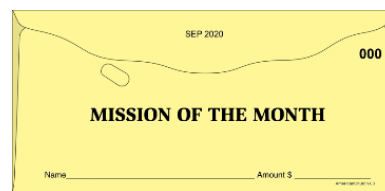
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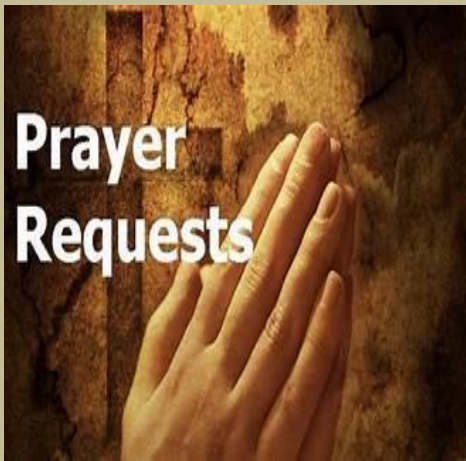
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