



# *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

July 24, 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**

The light of God surrounds us,  
The love of God enfolds us,  
The power of God protects us,  
And the presence of God watches over us;  
Wherever we are, God is.

~ Milward Simpson

**PRELUDE** “Come As You Are”

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

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

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

You alone know, O God, the depth of the longing in our hearts;  
***the intensity of the thirst in our souls,***  
And in answer, you have come to us,  
***lived among us, taught and healed us, demonstrated what the good life looks like; then died, to reveal the value of this life you offer.***

You alone know, O God, what we need to satisfy our need,  
***to lead us to the life we instinctively seek,***  
And in answer, you have opened the door to life for us,  
***constantly whispering to us of your love and grace, gently nudging us in the direction of our best life.***

And so, now, as you come to us again,  
***as your life is proclaimed to us again,***  
we praise you Risen and Living One,  
***for the truly good life we find in you. Amen***

#### \*HYMN “We are the Body of Christ”

***One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you,  
We are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision: to see you exalted.  
We are the body of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.  
One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you,  
We are the body of Christ.***

### RESPONSIVE READING

We really would prefer it, Jesus, if the big problems of our world could be resolved quickly;  
***we don't mind the effort, the hard work, or even the sustained hours***  
over a few weeks or even months;  
***It's the years of faithful commitment that we struggle with.***

But, from the perspective of eternity, a lifetime of commitment to your reign is really not that much to ask;

***And so, we pray that you would help us to stay faithful***  
to love ones in our homes and families,

***who need to know they can depend on us;***

to our brothers and sisters in faith,

***who need us to strengthen and welcome them, even as we***  
***need their companionship;***

to the people of our neighborhood and city,

***who need us to be good citizens, and conscientious justice***  
***seekers;***

to the people of our nation,

***who need our constant prayers, and our commitment to***  
***participate in political, economic and social systems;***

to the people of the world,

***who need us to embrace them and care for them, even though***  
***it may offer us no benefit, and have no real impact on our***  
***lives;***

Teach us the love that stays faithful for the long haul, Jesus,

***the persistence that will not give up,***

and the grace to trust your faithfulness,

***even when we cannot see results.***

In Jesus' Name,

***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 your voices, the Lord is near,***

***lift your voice, the Lord is near.***

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

Though we run hot and cold, fickle and changing in our faith,

***your love remains certain and constant;***

Though we grow tired and disillusioned, bored and distracted far too easily,

***your love stays true to the end;***

Though we allow our grief and anger, to turn us away from grace and mercy,

***your love refuses to let go;***

We praise and thank you, O God, for your relentless love, for it's abundant availability,

***and for so flooding our lives with love, that some must, inevitably overflow and warm others with its touch. Amen.***

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** "Wait for the Lord" (3 times)

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.***

***Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.***

**THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Isaiah 40:29, 31 (adapted)

**DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD** – Kevin Ingalls

**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.***

**SOLO** "A Simple Song"

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he

answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## **THE MORNING MESSAGE "Keep At It"**

### **\*HYMN 623 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

*1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known:  
in seasons of distress and grief  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer*

*2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
thy wings shall my petition bear,  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless;  
and since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

### **\*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

**Friday, July 29**

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

### Children at the Lord's Table



Are you interested in having your child make their First Communion? Classes will take place in the month of August and are scheduled to meet the needs of all participants. For more information, please see Sarah Huiest [crcsarah@gmail.com](mailto:crcsarah@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

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### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday Hosea - 11:1-11

Tuesday Psalm - 107:1-9, 43

Wednesday Ecclesiastes - 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Thursday - Psalm 49:1-12

Friday - Colossians 3:1-11

Saturday - Luke 12:13-21

Sunday - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

#### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Thank you, God of light,  
for waking me up this morning.  
May I live wholly for you this day,  
that whatever I say and do  
might help make a path for your coming reign.  
Open my eyes to your goodness and  
my heart to your children. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of this day,  
its challenges and its blessings, its burdens and its delights.  
Forgive my failures and misdeeds and refine my heart,  
that I may greet the new day to live more faithfully for you. Amen.

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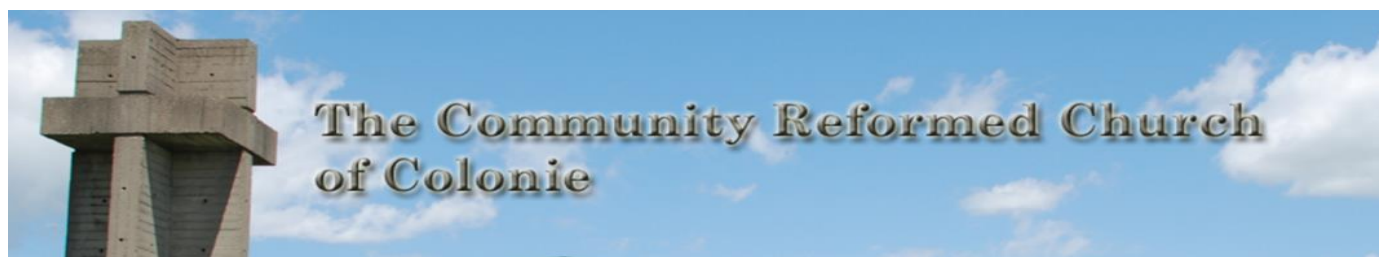
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