



The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



October 17, 2021

Order of Worship
10:00 am

* - 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

“Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.”

*~ Corrie Ten Boom, Tramp for the Lord:
The Story that Begins Where The Hiding Place Ends*

PRELUDE “The Gift of Love”

WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Though you are God,
with all the influence and status that the name implies,
***you refused to pull rank,
and parade your power among us.***

Instead, you chose to step down into our experience,
living among us, as one of us,
***with all the struggle and suffering
that goes with being human.***

More than that, you adopted the role of servant,
washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing,
and giving of yourself completely.

As incredible as it sounds,
you are the God who serves,
***and we can respond in no other way
than to give ourselves to you in praise.***

Amen.

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision”

***1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.***

***3 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.***

RESPONSIVE READING

There are so many people of influence in our world, Jesus,

***Those with loud voices and deep pockets,
those with large lives and wide networks.
But, where are the leaders?***

As we struggle to keep our broken humanity
from splintering into countless irreparable fragments;
As we wrestle with our greed and arrogance,
***our ignorance and short-sightedness,
our violence and coldness,
our carelessness and narcissism,
Where are the leaders?***

Raise up for us, O God, leaders worthy of the name,
men and women who like Christ
***are unafraid of challenge,
unashamed of serving,
and unattached to their own personal gain;***
men and women who like Christ
***call to the best within us,
and then lead the way.***

***And, in our own small spheres, God,
may we be the leaders we seek.
Amen.***

TAIZÉ 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

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 are 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.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come O Lord & Set Us Free” (3 times)

***Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord, and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Vicki Lane

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

ANTHEM “Beside You”

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 2:1-14

For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Stop Drinking the Poison"

HYMN "Guide My Feet"

*Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

ELDER'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE – Karl Coté

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.

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THE FOURFOLD AMEN

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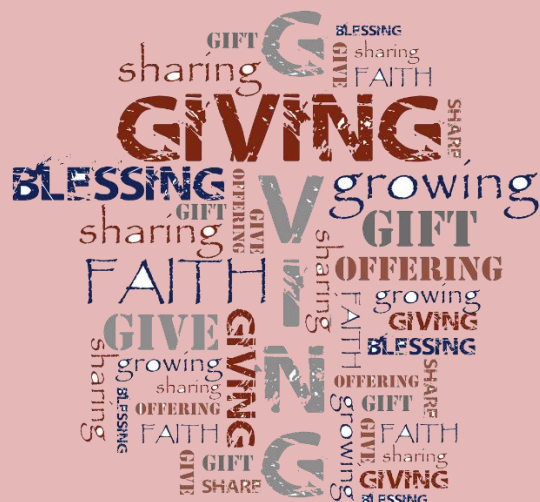
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Monday, October 18 - "Shirley's Shawls"- the prayer shawl ministry of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will meet at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is welcome to join us. Please contact Linda Murphy with any questions lindamurph98@aol.com "

Tuesday, October 19

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 4 to 4:30 pm

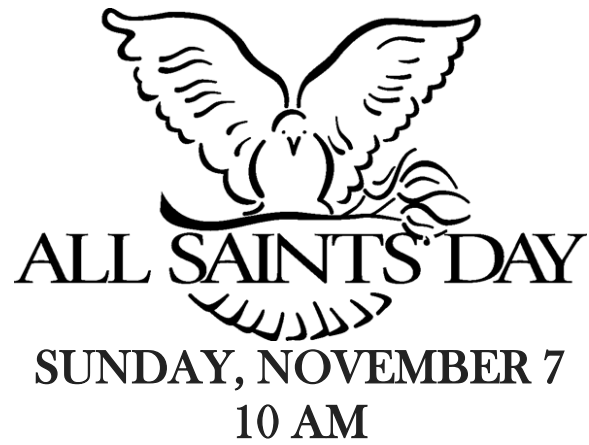
Wednesday, October 20

7:00-9:00 pm - Consistory meets in the Gathering Room. Elders meet at 6:30 in Rev. Cornwell's office.

Thursday, October 21

The Gathering Zoom Devotions - 6:30 to 7 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study - 7:00-8:00pm



ALL SAINTS' DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10 AM

On this special Sunday, we remember
“all the saints from whom their labors rest”.

Through prayer, song, and the lighting of candles we honor those who we
dearly love and will never forget.

For those of you who will be attending on Zoom, we encourage you to light a
candle for your honoree during the time of quiet remembrance.

October's Mission of the Month is the cafe and cupboard at [South End Children's Cafe!](#) Here's a glimpse of where your donations can go:

\$25 – One Bag of Love – bag of staple groceries, produce and toiletries for 1 week for a family of five

\$50 – One Community Cupboard Restock – we have two Community Cupboards outside the Children's Card (visited 50-100 times a day!) to share nonperishable goods, groceries, produce and other essentials with our neighbors

\$100 – Two Community Cupboard Restocks – restock both cupboards with free essential groceries and healthy food

\$300 – Fresh fruit for one month – fresh fruit salad is served to each child every day

\$600 – One child's meal for one year – includes school snack and dinner

Community Reformed's Youth Group

The church's youth group is collecting great to new quality children's books for Grassroot Givers now through the end of October. Book donations can be given to Sarah Huiest or placed in the collection bin at the back of the church.

Sunday School Teacher - We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for children in grades 3-6. There is a curriculum for you to follow. If interested, please speak to Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

ZOOM

To join in Devotions, The Wired Word and 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 - Job 38:1-7

Tuesday - Isaiah 53:4-12

Wednesday Psalm - 91:9-16, 104:1-9, 24, 35

Thursday - Job 38:1-7

Friday - Hebrews 5:1-10

Saturday - Mark 10:35-45

Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

As I open my eyes, I want to feel your Word,
living and active and guiding my way.

I want to live knowing that what is impossible for me
is possible for you.

I want to live with the certitude
that those who are first will be last,
and the last will be first.

Give me the courage and the hope
to live with your words in my mind for the rest of the day.

In Jesus Christ, my teacher, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I lay down to rest, I look at the times in my day
when my heart has felt like fainting,
and I have felt like arguing,
but I do so with the understanding
that even in my deepest sorrow you were with me.

Thank you, God, for understanding
and for helping this human being who, if imperfectly,
strives to seek out your face, to follow your will,
and to understand your Word.

Give me the rest I need to live day by day and step by step.
In the name of my example and my strength,
Jesus Christ. Amen.



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