

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



November 6, 2022
Order of Service ~ 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*

Jesus wept,
and in his weeping,
he joined himself forever
to all those who mourn.
He stands now throughout all time,
this Jesus weeping,
with his arms about the weeping ones.
“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”
He stands with the mourners
for his name is God-with-us.
Jesus wept.

PRELUDE "Deep River"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who teaches us the way of peace through life together, who fills us with visions of your eternal reign:

as we now celebrate the communion of saints, pour into our hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let us worship God.

Amen.

HYMN 749 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

*1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.*

*2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.*

*3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!*

*4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE DAY

From Ted Yoder's, *Guerrillas of Grace*

O God of all seasons and senses, grant us the sense of your timing to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the turn of the seasons. In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold,

teach us the lessons of endings; children growing, friends leaving, loved ones dying, grieving over, grudges over, blaming over, excuses over. O God grant us a sense of your timing.

In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold,

teach us the lessons of beginnings; that such waitings and endings may be the starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born—something right and just and different, a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love—in the fullness of your time.

O God grant us the sense of your timing.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord”

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Melody York

COMBINED DEACON'S AND ELDER'S PRAYER

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for your church . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray for your world . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. We pray for all victims of disaster...

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky — for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. We pray for your creation . . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for all who are in need of your healing touch. . .

O God hear us. Hear our prayer.

Elder: God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever.

Amen.

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 "The Lord is My Shepherd"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:28-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Power of Christian Hope"

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

SPECIAL MUSIC

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and most loving God, we thank you for these lives that have blessed ours in so many, many ways. We thank you for the memories we have of our lives together.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of the autumn,
we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

*HYMN 519 "It is Well With My Soul"

***1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."***

Refrain:

***It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.***

*2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*3 My sin- O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin- not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
"Even so"- it is well with my soul."(Refrain)*

***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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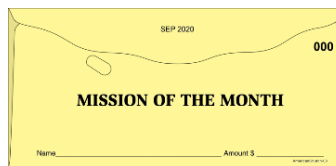
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Special Offering Envelopes –

There are three special offering envelopes for November

You may make your offering to these with the envelope provided, mail in the offering to the Church office or through Paypal. If you have any questions, contact Lori Coté at crcclori@gmail.com.



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>

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