



**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 17, 2024
Worship – 10:00 AM**

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.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

✱ - Please rise in body or in spirit

FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I don't know about tomorrow I just live from day to day.
I don't borrow from its sunshine for the sky may turn to gray.
I don't worry o'er the future but I know what Jesus said
and today I'll walk beside him for he knows what is ahead.
Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand
But I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand."

Ira F. Stanphill

PRELUDE "Just As I Am"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "Your Love O Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O Lord.
With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
And that your faithfulness is as firm and sure as the heavens.

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have promised my loving presence forever."
***You have pledged to establish and build up your people forever,
and to guide them through all their years.***

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O Lord, for it is what we
depend on each day.
Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 612 "How Firm a Foundation"

How Firm a Foundation 612

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid. 1 Cor. 3:11

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine."
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (From "Our Song of Hope")

God saves the world through Jesus. Those who call on that name will have life. Christ's hand reaches beyond those who say "Lord" to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith, even to the farthest stars and planets - all creation. The boundaries of God's love are not known, the Spirit works at the ends of the world before the church has there spoken a word.

God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love. Christ will wipe away every tear; death will be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.

Come, Lord Jesus. We are open to your Spirit. We await your presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "I Belong to You, O God" (3 times)

*I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.
I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future where we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

TAIZE RESPONSE - "In God Alone" (3 times)

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
In God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
Find its rest and peace.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 “Reckless Love”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE - “Surprising, Startling, Shaking Change”

HYMN 77 "Praise to the Lord"

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va- tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain- eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him! Let the A-men sound from his

tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra- tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain- eth?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665

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*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.*

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Ben April

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Linda Murphy

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Brian Rhode

Deacon of the Day
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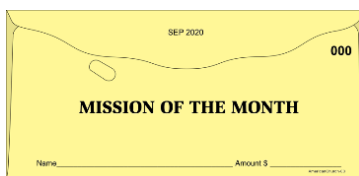
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