



January 14, 2024  
Order of Service – 10:00 am

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

\* - 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 greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the  
compassionate actions of its members,  
a heart of grace and a soul generated by love."**

Coretta Scott King

PRELUDE "The Lone, Wild Bird"

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourn

## THE LIGHTING OF THE Christ Candle

### INTROIT “Sanctuary”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!

***The Magi, who studied the heavens, followed a guiding star and discovered the Savior of the world.***

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***Those who lived on the fringe of society were invited to come near and discovered the love of acceptance.***

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***The people who were lost in the darkness of life were given the light of Christ and it revealed the way to new life.***

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***And we, who are living our lives today, are drawing near to discover God's plan for us in this New Year.***

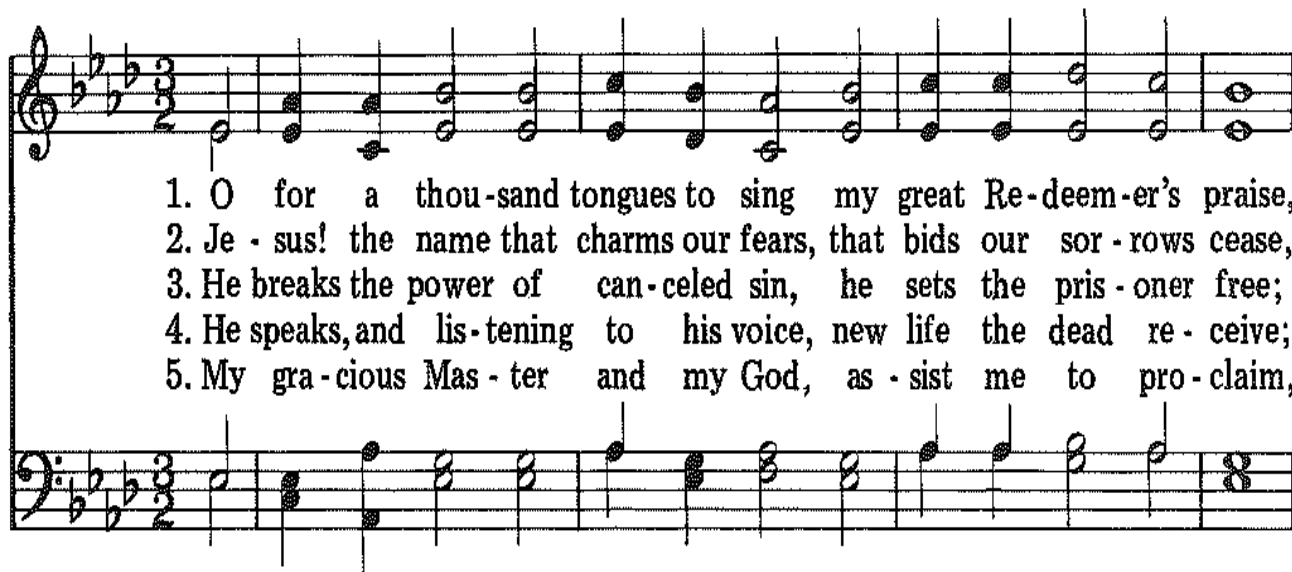
The One who is reaching out to us this day earnestly yearns for us and all God's people to come and see the wondrous things God continues to do.

***Blessed is the One who comes bringing such good news for the healing of the world.***

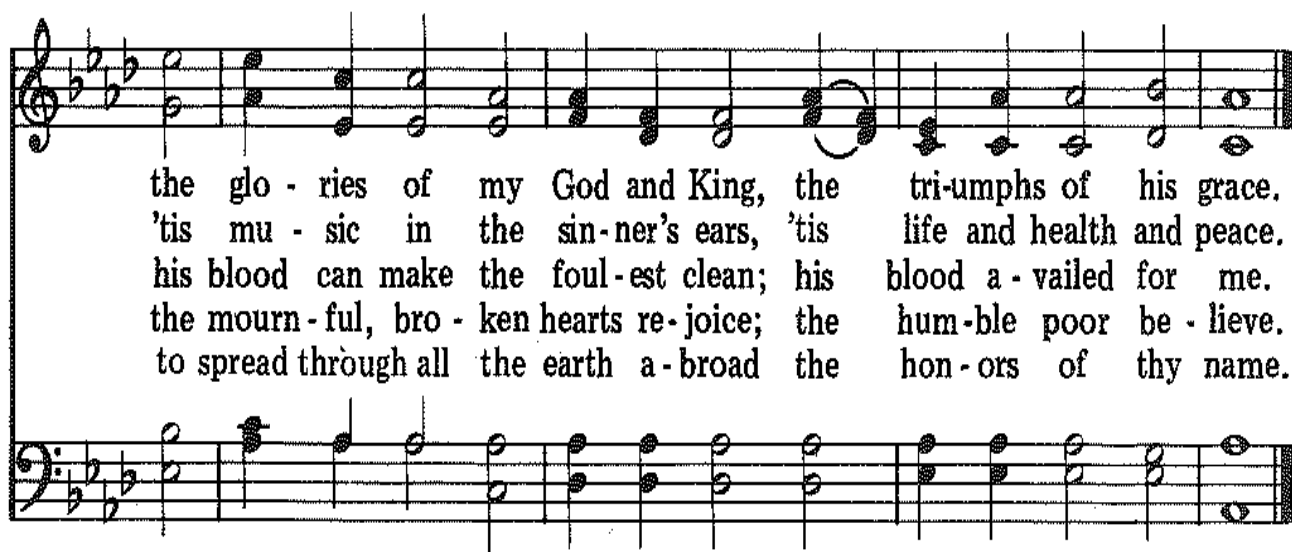
\* HYMN 130 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 130

*My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long. Ps. 35:28*



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,  
3. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, he sets the pris - oner free;  
4. He speaks, and lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;  
5. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim,



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.  
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
his blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.  
the mourn-ful, bro - ken hearts re-joice; the hum-ble poor be - lieve.  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739  
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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## AN AFFIRMATION OF UNITY FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION

*We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, and share one hope.*

*Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. Amen*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "The Lord is My Light" (3 times)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. We have made assumptions that are neither true nor helpful and have lived according to them. Forgive us, O God of mercy and grace. And give us ears to hear your wisdom and discover your direction and calling. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength and devotion. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Lord Jesus Christ" (3 times)

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

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.*

ANTHEM "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

## INTRODUCTION TO STAR WORDS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways and you give us each other to help us know you and love you as we journey together in this life. Show us your will for creation and your people. Today, we have drawn a special and unique star word. For some, these words are already full of meaning, challenge, and invitation. For others, they are a blank canvas or a curious question. But in both, your invitation to us holds true. Help us to listen to your calling with prayerful hearts so that we may honor you in our responses today and always. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 3: 1-18

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed

to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if God calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11 Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17 Eli said, "What was it that God told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that God told you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let God do what seems good to do."

John 1: 43-47

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

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

**THE MORNING MESSAGE: How Does a Weary World Rejoice?**

"Silence Is Not An Option"

\*HYMN 563 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

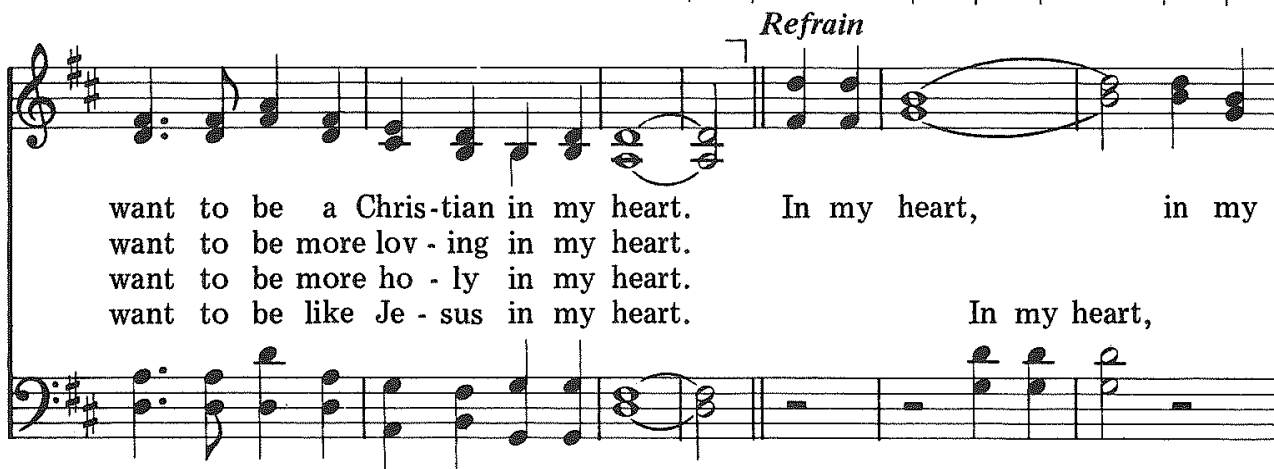
# 563 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Mt. 5:6*

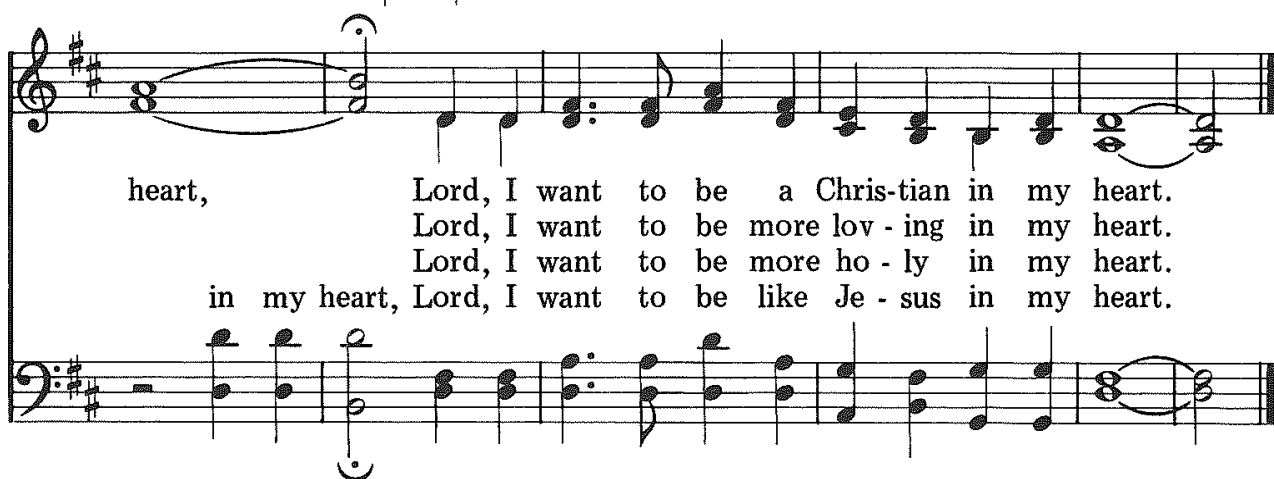


1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I  
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

*Refrain*



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WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
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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.*

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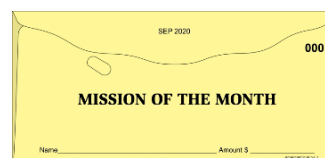
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### **The special offering envelopes for January**

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](mailto:crcclori@gmail.com).



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