



A Service of Healing and Restoration

March 12, 2023
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

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ~ James 5:13-16

PRELUDE “10,000 Reasons”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In every long road of pain
you are there, Divine Spirit.

In every surprising moment of healing,
your presence is felt, Great Mystery.

Every dark night of grief and despair
is witnessed by you, Holy One.

And every momentary glimpse of joy
reveals your unfailing love, Wisdom of the Ages.

In our moments of courage as we face extended seasons of struggle,
and in our moments of frailty when we grasp at any shortcut
through our pain,
your grace holds us,
your comfort sustains us,
and your strength carries us, Lover of All.

Once again as we worship, in faith, hope and love
we open our minds, hearts, souls, and bodies to you, O God.
Amen.

* HYMN "Blest Are They"



Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
 cause of me. Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 yours is the king-dom. Shine for all to see.

Refrain:



Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you. Re - joice



and be glad! Yours is the king-dom of God!

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE OF HEALING AND RESTORATION

***TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Bless the Lord” (3 times)**

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

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord’s favor.

We believe Jesus healed a centurion’s slave, saying that he had not found such faith in all of Israel; we believe Jesus healed a demon-possessed man, in whom no faith was to be found. We believe Jesus healed those who asked; we believe Jesus healed those who never asked.

We believe that Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; for by his wounds we have been healed.

We believe that Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. We believe those same disciples were arrested and questioned by what name they healed, and they responded, “by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.”

We believe that eventually even Lazarus died again, but that death has no victory or sting. We believe in a mystery, that at the last trumpet we will all be changed, as this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Holy Spirit, Come To Us” (3 times)

*Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit, come to us*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS - Psalm 103:1-4a

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Lisa McGee

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 “My Refuge”

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:13-16

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THE MORNING MESSAGE “The Touch of a Praying Person”

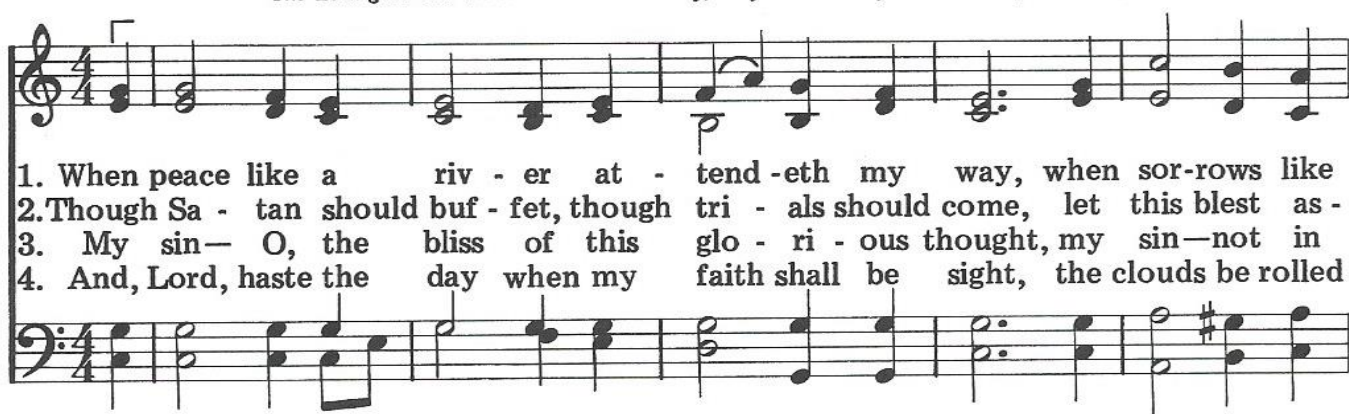
THE ELDER'S AND DEACON'S PRAYER

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL



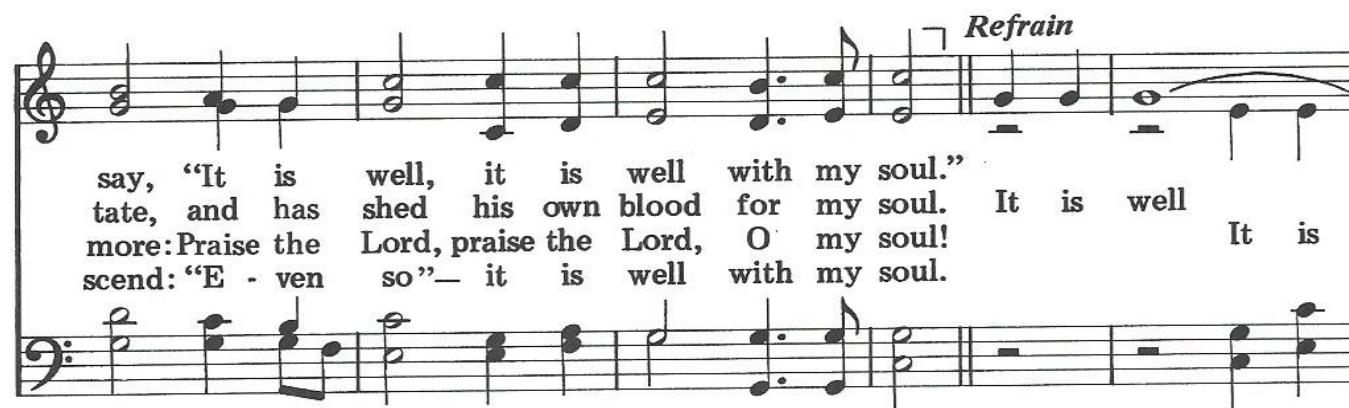
*HYMN "It is Well With My Soul"



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

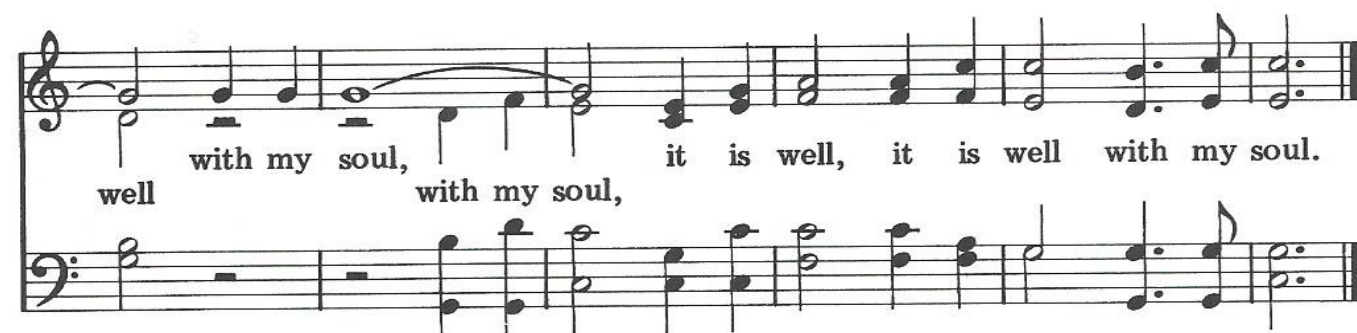


sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



Refrain

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well It is
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*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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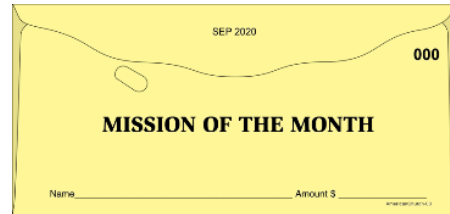
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The special offering envelopes for March.

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://tinyurl.com/CRCCZoom>

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Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.

Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you?

let him call for the elders

of the church; and let

them pray over him,

anointing him with oil in

the name of the Lord:

James 5:13, 14





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