



Seventh Sunday after the
Epiphany
February 23, 2025
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

“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.

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“The followers of Christ have been called to peace.
And they must not only have peace but they must also make it.

To that end they renounce all violence and tumult...

They maintain fellowship where others would break it off.

They renounce hatred and wrong.

In so doing they overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in
the midst of a world of war and hate.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer from *“The Cost of Discipleship”*

PRELUDE “My Lord! What a Morning”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “God is Here Today”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in worship and thanksgiving today knowing that God is greater than we can ever know or comprehend.

And so, we come praying that God will open our eyes to see the wonderful truths God has for us.

We come in worship and thanksgiving today knowing that God is much more loving and redeeming than our hearts can realize.

And so, we come praying that God will touch our hearts and soften them to the needs of the world around us.

We come in worship and thanksgiving today knowing that God is wiser than we can ever be.

And so, we come praying that God will open our minds so we can understand things that are otherwise confusing to us.

We come in worship and thanksgiving today knowing God is already present with us, even waiting for us, to bless us and to make us a blessing for others.

And so, we offer ourselves, in worship and service, to God to whom belongs all glory, dominion and power, now and always. Amen.



* HYMN "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad,
Sa-tan had me bound,
When I was in trou-ble,

Je-sus lift-ed me,

I'm so glad,
Sa-tan had me bound,
when I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me,

Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le - lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – From Psalm 37

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good and you will live in the land and enjoy security. Commit your way to the Lord and trust in the Lord and the Lord will act.

God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not grow weary over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord who is their refuge in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them; the Lord rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in the Lord.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing Praises”

*Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.
We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.
Forgive us, Lord.*

*Fill our hearts with your selfless love.
Change our lives by your matchless grace.
These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Do Not, O Lord, Withhold Your Mercy” (3 times)

*Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy.
Grant us grace, grant us hope,
Grant us strength, grant us peace.
Let your steadfast love keep us safe forever.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS and CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "What to do Now?"

Rev. Kent Busman

*HYMN "Guide My Feet"



Guide my feet_____
 Hold my hand_____
 Stand by me_____
 I'm your child_____ while I run this race.



Guide my feet_____
 Hold my hand_____
 Stand by me_____
 I'm your child_____ while I run this race.



Guide my feet_____
 Hold my hand_____
 Stand by me_____
 I'm your child_____ while I run this race, for I



don't want_____ to run this race in vain!_____

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 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

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Deacon of the Day
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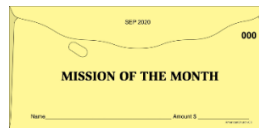
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