

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

***Sunday,
June 18, 2023***

**Outdoor Worship
Order of Service –
9:00 am**

Please tune your radio to station 88.9 FM

*** - 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 saints are the sinners who keep on trying.

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

PRELUDE “King of Kings”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love endures forever.
Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Happy are those who sing your praise
and extol your righteousness all the day.



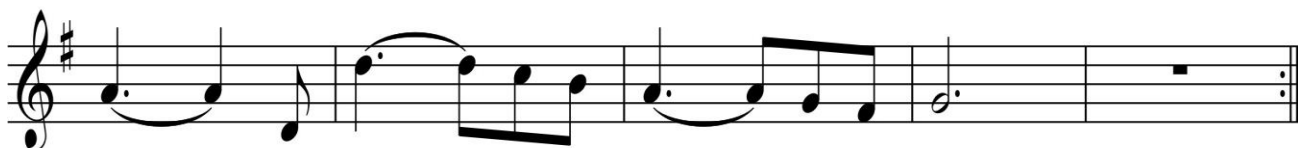
*HYMN "Sing a New Song to the Lord"



Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom won-ders be - long!
 Now to the ends of the earth see his sal - va - tion is shown!
 Sing a new song and re - joice, pub-lish his prais-es a broad!
 Join with the hills and the sea thunders of praise to pro - long!



Re - joice_____ in his tri - umph_____ and tell_____ of his
 And still_____ he re - mem - bers_____ his mer - cy and
 Let voic - es_____ in_____ cho - rus,_____ with trum - pet and
 In judg - ment_____ and_____ jus - tice_____ he comes_____ to the



power_____ O sing_____ to the Lord_____ a new song!
 truth,_____ un - chang - ing in love_____ to his own.
 horn,_____ re - sound_____ for the joy_____ of the Lord!
 earth_____ O sing_____ to the Lord_____ a new song!

*RESPONSIVE READING

It's Good News this Gospel of yours, Jesus, and we easily get so excited and full of expectation, that we can be disappointed when goodness takes longer than we had hoped.

But sometimes the most powerful changes, the most complete healings come not in one startling moment, but slowly, by degrees.

And so, we pray for your Good News to capture our world,
in the comfort of loving shoulders
offered for the grieving to cry on;
in the shared laughter and hopefulness
found in the midst of pain and suffering;
in the vulnerable welcome of hospitality
given to both strangers and friends;
in the unconditional love and challenging confrontation
received from trusted partners;
in the simple responsibility
accepted by those who are conscientious and faithful;
in the generous good
done by grateful followers of your ways;
In these small, but significant actions, we pray that we and
our world may recognize the signs of your reign among us;
***and that your Good News may be proclaimed by degrees,
in the daily rhythms of our lives. Amen.***

✱MEDITATION “Sing Praises” (3 times)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It's a tough thing for us to learn, Jesus, how you hide in the most unlikely places; how you beckon us into life and compassion by disguising yourself in broken humanity.

***But, when our eyes are opened, we discover that we
are never far from your heart, from your kingdom.***

And so we ask you to show yourself to us again,
and lead us into prayerful action;

***Help us to share your grief when lives are needlessly lost
simply because they have no money for food or shelter,
because they have no access to medicine and care,
because they have no choice but to live where war and
violence constantly threaten;***

Help us to feel your offense when the least are exploited
*by the lust of those who are physically stronger,
by the greed of those who are financially richer,
by the disregard of those who are politically more powerful.*

Help us to know your pain when what you have created is destroyed
*by the carelessness of expediency, by the short-sightedness
of progress at all costs, by the sense of entitlement of proud
humanity.*

Teach us to welcome you, Jesus,
*by welcoming those in whom your image is hidden,
and by working, in our small worlds, to make visible your
kingdom where all are welcomed. Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Wait for the Lord” (3 times)

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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.*

SOLO “Shout to the Lord”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax

collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

MORNING MESSAGE “What Does the Lord Require of You?”



*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:



Here I am, Lord.____ Is it I, Lord?____ I have



heard you call-ing in the night.____ I will go, Lord,____ if you



lead me.____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.____

*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.*

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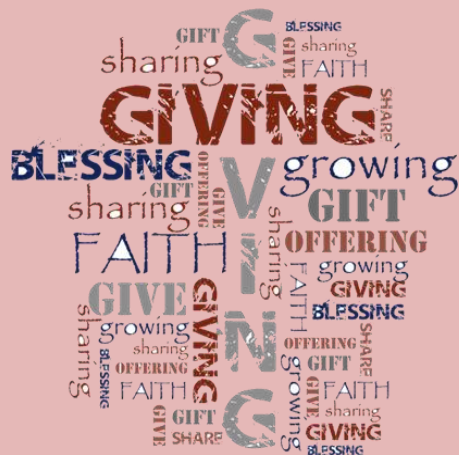
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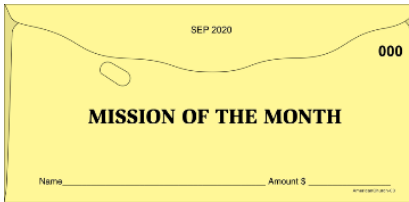
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The special offering envelopes for June.

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 Côté at crcclori@gmail.com.



Online Church Bulletin Board

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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 in Devotions, The Wired Word and Sunday Worship via Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6880887155>

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