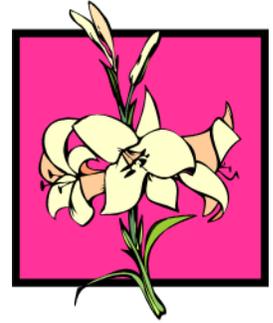


The Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 15, 2022
Order of Service - 10:00 am

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 Lord is a mighty tower
where his people can run for safety."

~ Proverbs 18:10

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WITNESSING STEWARD – Donna Davidson

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Ana Crosbourne

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Once again we gather,
From different homes and circumstances,
With different dreams and ideas, different values and tastes,
Different in age and color, different in gender and language,
*Yet, we are one family – Children of God every one;
We join our hearts in worship,
We join our voices in praise
And we join our lives as the Body of Christ. Amen.*

HYMN 694 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.*

*See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?--
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

*Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name;
fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.*

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you
to care for all that are close to us,
to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
and love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you
to spread compassion to those who are far away,
to speak for those who are voiceless,
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,
to work for justice for those who are exploited,
to make peace for those who suffer violence,
to take the time to recognize our connectedness,
and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you
*and to be faithful to the calling you gave us to be shepherds
in your name.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Blessing & Praise" (3 times)

*Blessing and praise be given,
Blessing and praise be given
To Christ who comes, who comes for us,
Comes in the name of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Lord God, we have found a home in You;
We have found a family in You;
We have found a place to belong;
to know and be known
to love and be loved.
And we are so grateful for this awesome gift.

But, too easily, we forget the benefits it brings;
We have forgotten our place, and doubted Your love;
Remind us, and all who feel neglected by You,
that we are engraved on Your hands.
We have forgotten who we are, and have failed to care for ourselves;
Remind us, and all who feel worthless,
that You have called us by name.
We have forgotten our connectedness, and have divided ourselves;
Remind us, and all who would exclude, oppress and
condemn others,
that we are all made in Your image, and we are all one body.

For the sake of Jesus, who loved us to the death,
and whose love conquered the grave,
***Forgive us, hear our prayer,
And teach us to be one again. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “The Kingdom of God” (3 times)

***The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.***

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 "God, My God"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Lose Yourself"

HYMN "I'm Going Live So God Can Use Me"

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

***BENEDICTION**

***THE IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine 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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Children's Message
Sarah Huiest

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The Irish Blessing

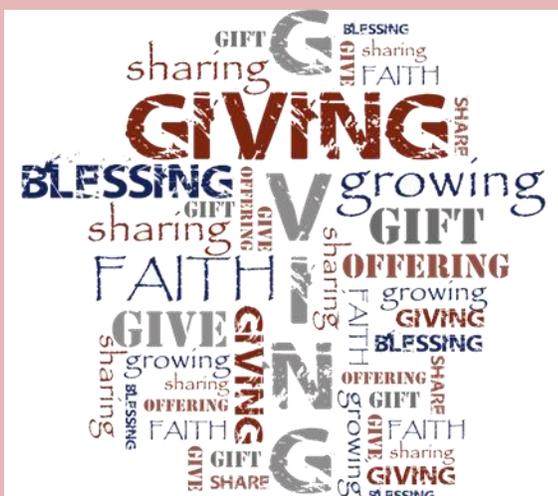
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GENERAL NOTICES

Today, Sunday School for children in grades 3-6 meets in the Gathering Room from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Tuesday, May 17

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 19

The Gathering Zoom Devotions – 6:30 to 7:00 pm

The Wired Word Bible Study – 7:00-8:00pm

Friday, May 6

Al-Anon - 7:30-8:30 pm meets in the Gathering Room.

Children's Worship and Sunday School - Today is the last day for Children's worship. Children will remain in worship next Sunday, May 22nd, to participate in Consecration Sunday as a family. There is no children's worship during the summer.

Sunday, May 22nd, is the last day for Sunday school. We hope to have a full program reopening in the fall.

Camp Fowler – It's not too early to plan for summer 2022. If any children are interested in attending Camp Fowler this summer, there are scholarships available. Contact Doris Neese at 518-456-6239 for further information.

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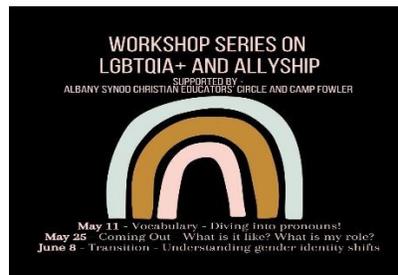


Stewardship Materials

Hopefully, this past week, each household received an envelope containing the 2022-23 stewardship materials. Enclosed in each envelope are two cards-of-intent – one regarding financial stewardship and one regarding stewardship of God’s creation. We would like to request that these cards-of-intent not be filled out until May 22. On that Sunday, the congregation at home and in the sanctuary will be invited to fill out the cards as an act of worship.

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, their gifts will be consecrated after they have been placed on the altar table during the period of meditation.

For those worshipping at home, their gifts will be consecrated during the period of meditation via the miracle of the internet. Those worshipping at home are invited to return their cards to the church in the envelope that was enclosed with the mailing.



Throughout these workshops we will exercise Christ’s call for hospitality, and welcoming all of God’s people to the table. This goal aims to encourage understanding, empathy, and wondering between all our siblings in Christ - truly an embodiment of hospitality.

The workshops will be:

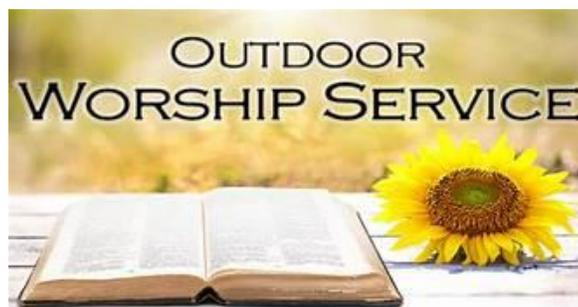
Every other Wednesday Night, at 7 pm over Zoom.
They will span 1.5 hours and will have a presenter from Room for All leading, Mitchel Leet.
May 25 and June 8

If you are interested in joining this workshop series, or simply one or two of the workshops, please contact: Abby Norton-Levering nortonlevering@gmail.com

The May Mission of the Month is The Samaritan Counseling Center. As their web site concisely states, “We aim to enhance the lives of our clients by focusing holistically on their mind, body and spirit, highlighting unique strengths, and supporting relationships.” Samaritan Counseling Center offers individual, couple, family, and pre-marital counseling. Since 1949, May has been Mental Health Awareness Month. Even though it is the 74th year, stigma, prejudice, and shame continue to abound in communities and families regarding issues of mental health. We need to do better. Emotional and behavioral issues can affect individuals of any age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status. Unfortunately, education, awareness, and resources are not equitably accessible. Peer or family pressure, finances, and availability of professionals are just a few issues that hinder care.

Supporting Samaritan Counseling Center is only one small way we can improve the lives of our family, friends, and community. Please consider donating via your yellow “**Mission of the Month**” offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with “**Samaritan Counseling Center**” in the memo, or directly through the donate button on their website: samaritancounselingcenter.org.

To learn more about Mental Health Awareness Month, you can visit: <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>



May 29 thru September 4, 2022
9 AM

This service will also be livestreamed on Zoom and posted later on YouTube.

During the summer, the outdoor service will be Zoom only:

- if the outdoor temperature is below 55 degrees
- if there is precipitation or the threat of precipitation
- if there is wind interference with the sound system
- or other weather related conditions that would interfere with conducting a worshipful service.

The decision for worship location will be made by the participating worship leadership one hour prior to the service and the congregation will be notified by email.

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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>

Meeting ID: 688 088 7155

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Acts 16:9-15
Tuesday - Psalm 67
Wednesday - Revelation 21:10, 22-27
Thursday - Revelation 22:1-5
Friday - John 14:23-29
Saturday - John 5:1-9
Sunday - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Spirit,
enliven in us a faith and witness,
that through deepened prayer
we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, it is night and the time for rest has come.
We have served you in love this day
and for this we give you thanks.
Do not leave us comfortless,
but send your Spirit to abide with us
as we trust in you this night. Amen



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