



Pentecost Sunday And Consecration Sunday May 19, 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

**“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.

CONTEMPLATION

**“We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust,
O Lord, from Thee.”**

(From “We Give Thee But Thine Own” verse 1 Text by William W. How)

PRELUDE “My Hope is You”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life is empty and meaningless.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come upon us today!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be the bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come upon us today!

Holy Spirit of power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples and gave them voice before the rulers of the world.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come upon us today!

Holy Spirit, sanctifier, you created us children of God and make us the living temple of your presence. Intercede for us in our time of need and with our questions and worries.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come upon us today!

Holy Spirit, giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create. You give gifts:

The spirit of wisdom and understanding,

The spirit of counsel and fortitude,

The spirit of knowledge and piety,

The spirit of care and compassion,

The spirit of generosity and kindness,

That the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come upon us today!

True and only light, come into our lives with the fullness of your power. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your passion. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your praise. For only through you can we bring hope and harmony to the world.
Come, Holy Spirit! Come upon us today!

* HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain:

Spir - it, Spir-it of gen-tle-ness blow through the wil-der-ness call-ing and free;_

— Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

End after last verse

plac - id-ness, Wind, Wind on the sea._____

Verses:

You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,_____
 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,_____
 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,_____

— then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;_____
 — and you goad - ed your peop - ple with a law and a land;_____
 — then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;_____

— and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;_____
 — and when they were blind - ed with their i - dols and lies,_____
 — and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,_____

— a - wake from your slum - bers_____
 — then you spoke through your proph - ets_____
 — when you blew through your peo - ple_____

— and rise on your wings._____
 — to o - pen their eyes._____
 — on the rush of the wind._____

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we are still afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of the hurts.

Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love, send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin and ask for your help to live more fully in your way of justice, love, and generosity.

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.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

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.

ANTHEM “Everything I Need”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-13

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

I John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world.

Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the

world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “How Much is Enough?”

THE CONSECRATION OF OUR GIFTS

LITANY OF CONSECRATION

The world began, God created.

God created humanity to share in God’s own bounty and blessing.

We join thankful praise today to the Giver of all things.

God has shared with all humankind and has challenged people to respond.

We come returning to God a part of what has been given to us.

We bring fruits and our labors in response to God’s great gifts.

As we offer our Giving Cards, we pray that will be acceptable in God’s sight.

As we bring the offering of our lives, we recommit ourselves to God’s purpose and kingdom.

Our Giving Cards are pledges to the work of Christ.

Food for the hungry, clothing for the naked, hope for the discouraged.

And funds to keep the door of service of our congregation open to our community.

To all these things, and more, we commit our offering and love to God. Amen.

*HYMN 295 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the

life a - new, that I may love what
 heart is pure, un - til my will is
 whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
 nev - er die, but live with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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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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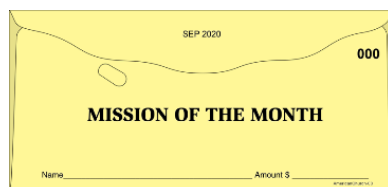
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