



The Seventh Sunday of Easter Consecration Sunday

May 21, 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

"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."

~ Winston Churchill

PRELUDE "O God Beyond All Praising"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE PRAYER QUILT this morning is for Hunter Charles Devaney, grandson of Vicki and David Lane.

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Karl Coté

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe...

***... in God who created us, Jesus Christ who saves us,
and the Holy Spirit who fills us.***

We believe...

***... that God has spoken and speaks, that God acted and acts,
that God watches over and is nearby.***

We believe...

***... that God is in charge and our greatest purpose is to give
God glory in how we work and act and give and play and
love and worship.***

We believe...

***... that we are partners with Jesus Christ in doing God’s
work in this world.***

We believe...

***... that by the power of God’s Spirit, God will grant us
courage to do God’s work.***

Let us worship God.



*HYMN 43 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 43

God is our refuge and strength. Ps. 46:1

1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help - er he, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod-y they may

great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king-dom is for - ev - er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529; harm. *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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*RESPONSIVE READING

Gracious God, throughout this day help us to remember that a very real portion of your Kingdom has been placed in our keeping.

Therefore teach us to love you:

With all our hearts...

That we may love those whom you love, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult, your own everlasting mercy and compassion;

With all our souls...

That we may seek fresh ways in which your divine power may surge through our commonplace routines from morning till night;

With all our strength...

That our hands may work the works of God who sent us, that our energy may be poured out for the needs of your family, until all we own or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness; and,

With all our minds...

That we may think your thoughts from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing you first, that your Kingdom may come through our sharing, our caring, our daring... for your name's sake.

Amen.

*MEDITATION "Blessing and 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 CONFESSION

Loving God, you who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. We saddle relationships with unrealistic and unfair expectations.

Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, sharing from our abundance. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus Remember Me” (3 times)

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Mark Kaercher

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

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.*

CHORAL ANTHEM “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-10

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the

Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

MORNING MESSAGE “First Fruits”

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 "Go to the World"**



Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the
 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap -
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As
 I am with you 'til the age shall end, when



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Refrain:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***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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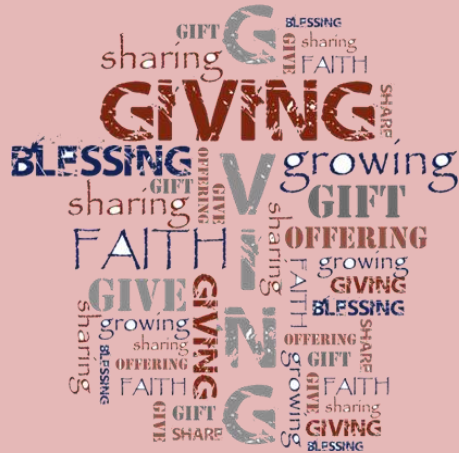
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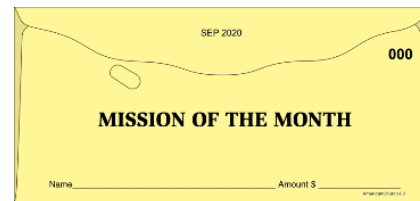
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The special offering envelopes for May.

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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:

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