



A Service of Healing and Restoration

March 3, 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

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

Jesus is....

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,
the voice to truth spoken over us, and love that has no end.

Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt,
and welcome for the stranger.

Jesus is.... Who do YOU say that Jesus is?

PRELUDE “Lamb of God”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In every long road of pain
you are there, Divine Spirit.

In every surprising moment of healing,
your presence is felt, Great Mystery.

Every dark night of grief and despair
is witnessed by you, Holy One.

And every momentary glimpse of joy
reveals your unfailing love, Wisdom of the Ages.

In our moments of courage as we face extended seasons of struggle,
and in our moments of frailty when we grasp at any shortcut
through our pain,
your grace holds us,
your comfort sustains us,
and your strength carries us, Lover of All.

Once again as we worship, in faith, hope and love
we open our minds, hearts, souls, and bodies to you, O God.
Amen.

* HYMN "You Are My All in All"



You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas-ure that I
Tak-ing my sin, my cross, my shame, ris-ing a - gain I bless your



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek-ing you as a pre-cious
name, you are my all in all. _____ When I fall down you pick me

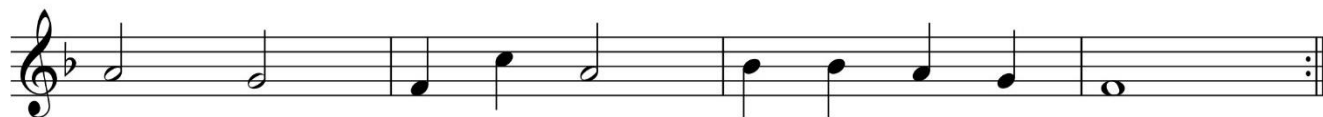


jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Refrain (sing 2x after each verse)



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name. _____



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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE OF HEALING AND RESTORATION

*TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord" (3 times)

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's favor.

We believe Jesus healed a centurion's slave, saying that he had not found such faith in all of Israel; we believe Jesus healed a demon-possessed man, in whom no faith was to be found. We believe Jesus healed those who asked; we believe Jesus healed those who never asked.

We believe that Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; for by his wounds we have been healed.

We believe that Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. We believe those same disciples were arrested and questioned by what name they healed, and they responded, "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

We believe that eventually even Lazarus died again, but that death has no victory or sting. We believe in a mystery, that at the last trumpet we will all be changed, as this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We lay down our need before you, holy God of compassion and grace, trusting in your great love for us and for all creation. We bear wounds and confess that we have wounded others. We open ourselves to the work of your Spirit among us to free us from all that is not of you and to recreate us in your image. Through your Word of grace made flesh for us and your Spirit of restoration given to us we pray. 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 – Sarah Huie

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 of Wonders"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
"Who Is He"

THE ELDER'S AND DEACON'S PRAYER

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

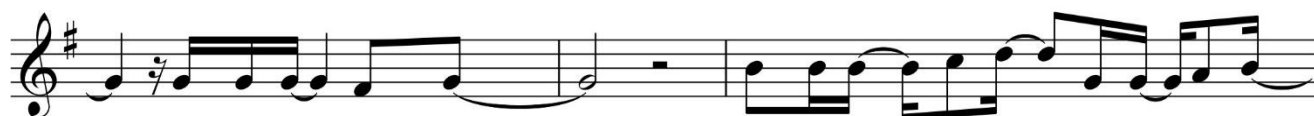
May the hands of the Great physician, the Lord Jesus Christ, fill your entire being - body, mind and spirit - with divine healing and blessing. Amen.



*HYMN "Love the Lord"



Love the Lord, your God with all_your heart,___ with all_your soul, with all_your mind,
I will serve the Lord with all_my heart,___ with all_my soul, with all_my mind,



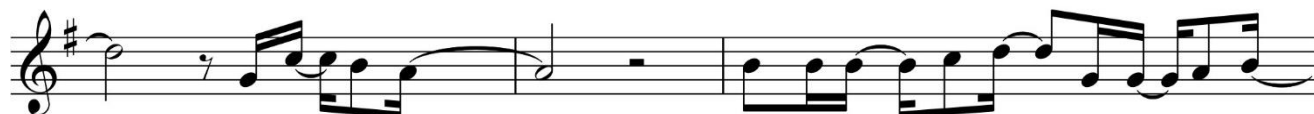
___ and with all_your strength.____ Love the Lord, your God with all_your heart,
___ and with all_my strength.____ I will serve the Lord with all_my heart,



___ with all_your soul, with all_your mind,___ and with all_your strength.____
___ with all_my soul, with all_my mind,___ and with all_my strength.____



With all_your heart,___ with all_your soul,___ with all_your mind,
With all_my heart,___ with all_my soul,___ with all_my mind,



___ with all_your strength.____ Love the Lord, your God with all_your heart,
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___ with all_your soul, with all_your mind,___ and with all_your strength.____
___ with all_my soul, with all_my mind,___ and with all_my strength.____

*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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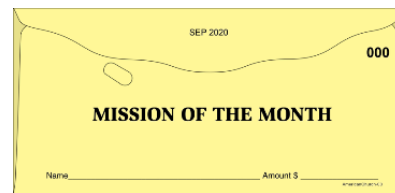
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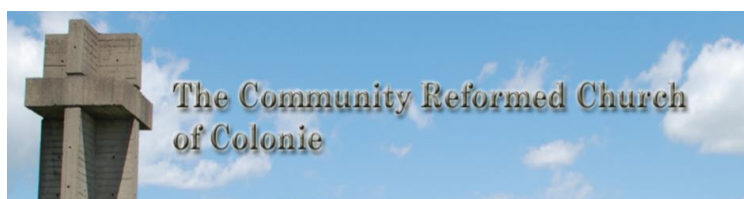
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