



"Inspired by Jeremiah 29:1-7" by Lauren Wright Pittman

Refugee Sunday
June 21, 2026 | 9 AM

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 and thanks you for worshiping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

A Haiku for Today's Service

Gardens bloom in exile
God's future takes root in hope
Peace grows where we live

PRELUDE “Almost Home”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

- You're invited to sit in or outside of your car. If you're in a car, please:
 - Tune your radio to FM 88.9.
 - Honk your horn as a way to say “Amen!” or “Peace”
- For those online, today's bulletin is at www.communityreformedchurch.com.
- Children are welcome to be at our playground or play on the playground.
- Want to get connected? Contact the church office or visit our website.
- Our next Summer Fellowship Sunday will be Sunday, June 28th, when we will celebrate those who have graduated. Stay for refreshments and fellowship!



We have
accessible
facilities.



Large print
bulletins are
available.



We are a
RoomforAll
Church!

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Jeremiah 29:4-14

Remember what the Lord says to those in exile:

***I know the plans I have for you. Plans for shalom,
not destruction. Plans to give you hope and a future.***

Therefore, we will do what the Lord commands:

Build homes, plant gardens, and make a life where we're called.

We will seek the good and flourishing of wherever we dwell.

For God's blessing is never meant for us alone.

Yet, we also remember that though our feet are planted in the soil here,

our hearts belong to Christ's ever emerging kingdom.

This means that we are all exiles,

living in places that are not our final home.

It can be hard to be caught between this home and Christ's kingdom,

but we take comfort that God chooses to dwell with us.

So come, let us worship the God who joins us in exile,

and helps us cultivate flourishing lives for us and others!

* OPENING SONG "All Are Welcome"



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__ live,
 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and_ true,
 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and_ wheat:
 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and_ stone
 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard



a__ place where saints and chil - dren_ tell how hearts learn_ to for - give.
 where all God's chil - dren dare_ to__ seek to__ dream God's reign a - new.
 a__ ban - quet hall on ho - ly__ground, where peace and_ jus - tice meet.
 to__ heal and strength-en, serve and_ teach, and_ live the__ Word they've known.
 and_ loved and trea - sured, taught and_ claimed as__ words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees__ us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace, let this house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



Refrain:
 All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.____

CALL TO CONFESSION & INTERCESSION Based on a prayer from the RCA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

O God, we pray... ***May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

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 & CALL TO NEW LIVING

PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please honk your horn or walk around to share Christ’s peace.



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH & WORLD – Melody York, Elder

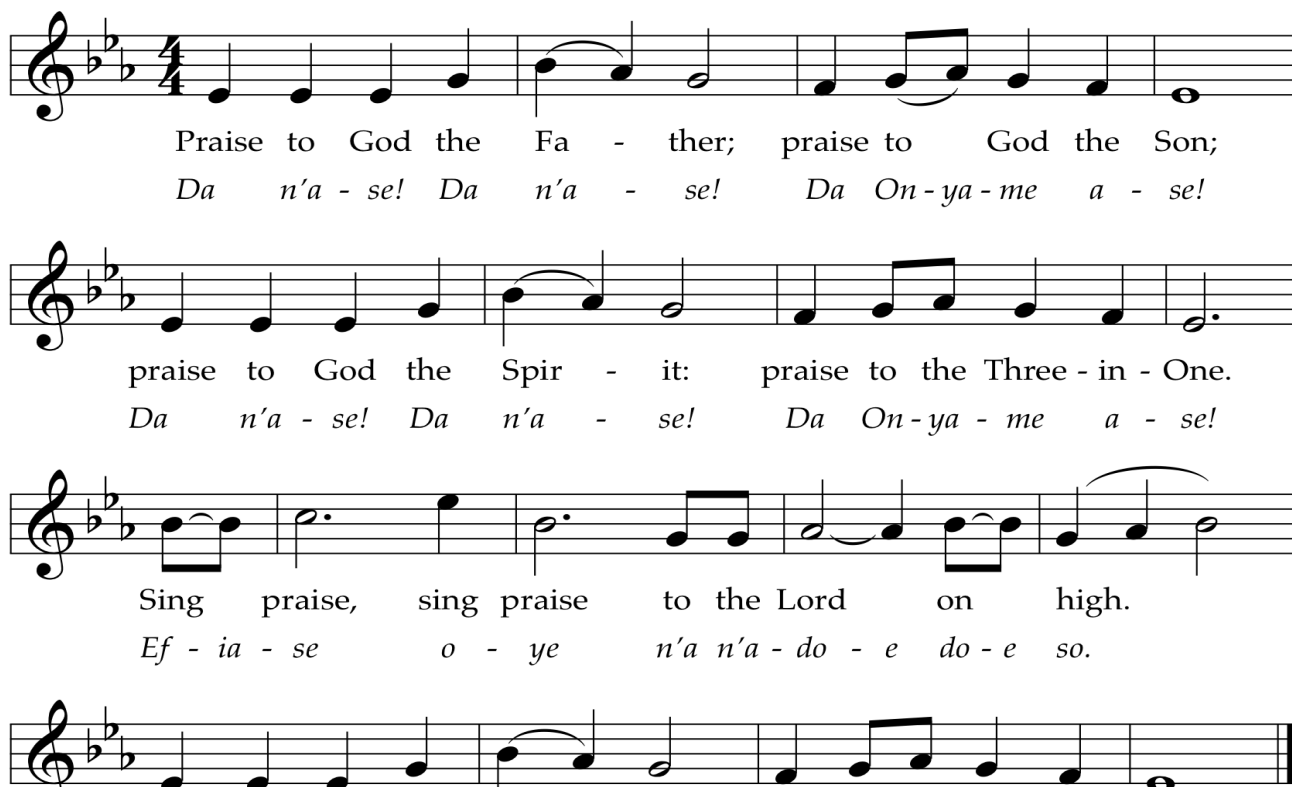
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

You’re encouraged to give to the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie via the offering plates or electronically through Zeffy.

*** DOXOLOGY “Praise to God the Father”**



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
 Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
 Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
 Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.

Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.
 Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

ANTHEM “All Ye Refugees”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of exiles and promise, as strangers in a strange land, give us a word for this journey. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 29:4-14 (CEB)

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims:

Don't let the prophets and diviners in your midst mislead you. Don't pay attention to your dreams. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I didn't send them, declares the Lord.

The Lord proclaims:

When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON Strangers in a Strange Land



What does the term "refugee" mean? How do refugees come to the U.S.? The RCA has partnered with World Relief to educate churches. Scan the QR code or go to the following link for a free 45-minute course: www.churchesofwelcome.com/courses/the-refugee-journey

* SONG OF RESPONSE "The Summons"

Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 Will you leave your self - be - hind if I but
 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but

5
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you
 call your name? Will you

9
 go where you don't know and nev - er
 care for the cruel and nev - er
 set pris - oners kind and nev - er
 quell the fear in - side and nev - er

13
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you
 be the same? Will you

17
 let my love be shown, will you
 risk the hos tile stare, should your
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 use the faith you've found to re -

21
 let life my name be known, will you
 such at - tract or scare? Will you
 shape as the this world un - seen, and ad -
 a - round, through my

25
 let my life be grown in you and
 let me an - swer I prayer in you and
 mit to what touch I and sound in you and
 sight and touch and sound in you and

29
 you in me?
 you in me?
 you in me?
 you in me?

* CHARGE & 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.***

*We are celebrating all fathers and father-figures with donuts! Enjoy.
May God bless you!*



Worship Team:

Minister: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**
Liturgist: **Kyrra April**
Elder: **Melody York**
Deacon: **Marv Helf**
Music Director: **Ben April**
Sound: **Cameron Kaercher**
Video: **Alex Huiest**
Zoom Host: **Steve Latta**
Welcome Host: **Pam Fitzpatrick**
Coffee Host: **Linda Murphy**

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Almost Home

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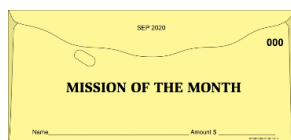
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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Genesis 22:1-4

Tuesday - Psalm 13

Wednesday - Jeremiah 28:5-9

Thursday - Psalm 89:1-4,5-18

Friday - Romans 6:12-23

Saturday - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God,

I awake this day in expectation and thanks
and ask to receive the opportunity to share
your hospitality with all whom I meet.

May I welcome you in serving others and
grow ever deeper in holiness and right relationship.

This is my prayer; this is my hope. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Steadfast God, you have traveled with me this day
and have seen those places where I flourished
and those where I floundered.

I give thanks for the gift of finding you at every turn
and for the gift to learn of my need for you,
in both times of failure and times of attainment.

I seek your rest this night,
that upon awakening I may find your strength
to serve your world with constancy and joy. Amen.

General Announcements

Weekly Newsletter: We are well into our transition to a Weekly Newsletter. The Weekly Newsletter has much more content than what is in your Bulletin Announcements and does have new info every week. If you receive the Saturday bulletin, you are also receiving the Weekly Newsletter. Please add crccprogram@250939619.mailchimpapp.com to your contact list, to ensure you never miss an email! Some email platforms are placing it in Spam/Junk. If you aren't seeing it, please contact Sarah Huie (crccsarah@gmail.com).

Book Group: June Book Group selection is The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. Discussion and fellowship will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 6PM at the home of Lou Ann. All are always welcome! Questions? Contact Vicki Lane, Elder of Adult Enrichment vlane1020@gmail.com.

Photographers Needed! We are looking for individuals who love to take snapshots and preserve the great memories of CRCC! A photography team is being assembled who will attend meetings and events to get some photos for our newsletters and social media posts. All ages are welcome to share their skills! Interested? Contact Sarah Huie - crccsarah@gmail.com.

The June Mission of the Month is in recognition of Pride month, "In Our Own Voices". It is the Mission of In Our Own Voices to work for and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural, and economic survival and growth of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people of color communities.

Donations to In Our Own Voices, Inc can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month Envelope, via PayPal, or directly on their web site, In Our Own Voices, Inc. - LGBT in Albany (ioov.org).

Community Outreach Team: For June we will be collecting single serving food and snack items, and gift cards to Hannaford, Price Chopper or Walmarts for purchasing single wrap cheese slices. Shelf stable milk is always in need. They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your contributions are most appreciated.

We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**

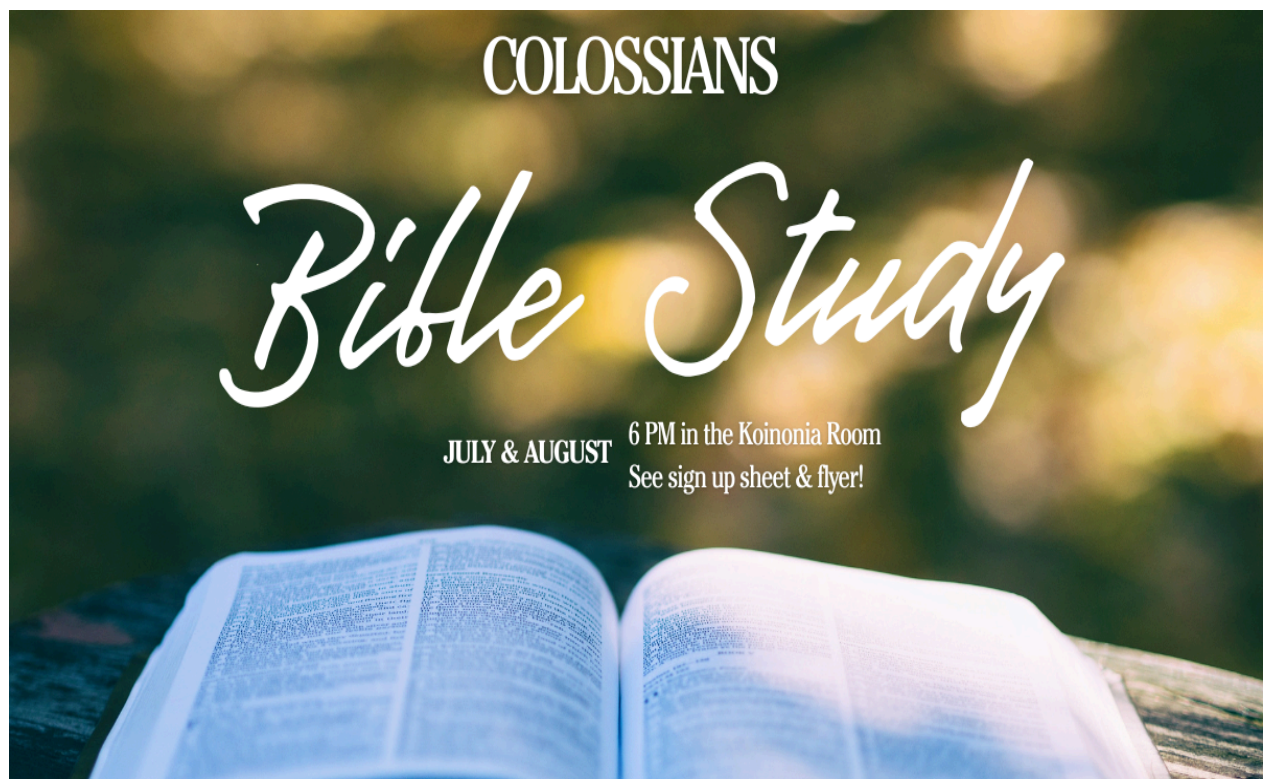
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- **Welcome Hosts** greet everyone as they arrive for worship, and provide printed bulletins. Hosts will also provide a warm welcome for all visitors.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** will set-up then monitor coffee service after worship. This ministry promotes a time to catch-up with members of our church family and meet our visitors.

- **Liturgist Sign Up:**

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Camp Fowler's 16th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser
will be Monday, July 6th, 8 AM -3 PM. Monies raised support the mission and
work of Camp Fowler. Interested in participating? See Kevin Bottini!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie's

60TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & POTLUCK

Come celebrate 60 years of God's
faithfulness, and reconnect with the
many people who have been part of
CRCC's story!



26 July 2026 | **Service @ 9 AM**
Potluck @ 10 AM



All are welcome! RSVP below:



Bring a chair!

OR RSVP ONLINE



Bring a dish
or game!

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2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 31 9am Joyce Karl Celebration of Life: 3pm	1	2	3 Worship Committee 6pm	4	5	6 12pm
7 9am 10am 11am	8	9 Elders' Meeting 6pm	10 6pm Final Upper Room for All until fall	11 6pm Day Care Graduation	12	13 10am
14 9am 10am Pride Parade	15 6pm	16 6pm	17 6pm	18	19 Church and Day Care CLOSED JUNETEENTH	20
21 9am	22	23 6pm	24	25	26	27
28 9am 10am	29	30	July 1 6pm Summer Colossians Study Begins	2	3 Church and Day Care CLOSED Independence Day Observed	4

KEY



Outdoor
Worship



Junk in the
Trunk



Fellowship
and Games



Fellowship
Sunday



Advocacy and
Global
Missions



Bible
Study



Consistory



Shirley's
Shawls



Book
Group



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Women's
Bible Study