

The Shadow of Death (1873) by William Holman Hunt

Ordination & Installation of Office Bearers

September 27, 2026 | 10:00 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

About The Art

William Holman Hunt's *The Shadow of Death* is ambitious in scale, technical execution, and theology. As with many of Hunt's paintings, the viewer is at first almost overwhelmed by the density of detail, the vivid and iridescent hues, and the sheer number of symbolic references. It is difficult for the eye to come to rest and it is difficult to identify the 'real' subject of the painting. It could be a purely human incident, a young carpenter stretching, stiff from his labours, as the day draws to its close. But we are also offered here a glimpse of the redemptive work of Christ. In 'rendering the simple and real allusive' the painting not only points to Christ's work but exemplifies Christ's own artistry.

At first glance the painting seems to be about the crucifixion (and the title demands this reading). The evening sunshine that so gloriously transfigures Jesus's body and intensifies the blue of his natural halo also casts a dark shadow. For this moment the carpenter's tools prefigure the instruments of the passion; the luxurious and pleasurable extension of tired limbs prefigures their brutal distortion on the cross. Yet… Christ is 'found in the form' of an ordinary Jewish artisan standing in the detritus of a humble workshop, a space he shares with his mother. She has opened a chest whose treasured contents, gifts from the Magi, point back to the nativity as much as forward to the cross.

The 'real' subject of the painting is the relationship between incarnation and humility (v.6). It's a portrait of a flesh-and-blood (laboriously researched) 'real' historical Jesus, whose humility is expressed first in the ambiguous circumstances of his conception and birth and then in his lowly status as a working man. These in themselves foreshadow the nature of his death by the most humiliating execution his culture could contrive. – Joanna Collicutt

PRELUDE "Breathe"

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Melody York, Elder

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based Philippians 2:1-13

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort in love,
any fellowship in the Spirit,
then let us be of the same mind, united in love!

Let us not look solely to our own interests,
but to the interests of one another also.

For Christ emptied himself of divinity and became human
showing us what it means to be truly human:
to give ourselves in love!



*** OPENING SONG** "In Christ Alone"

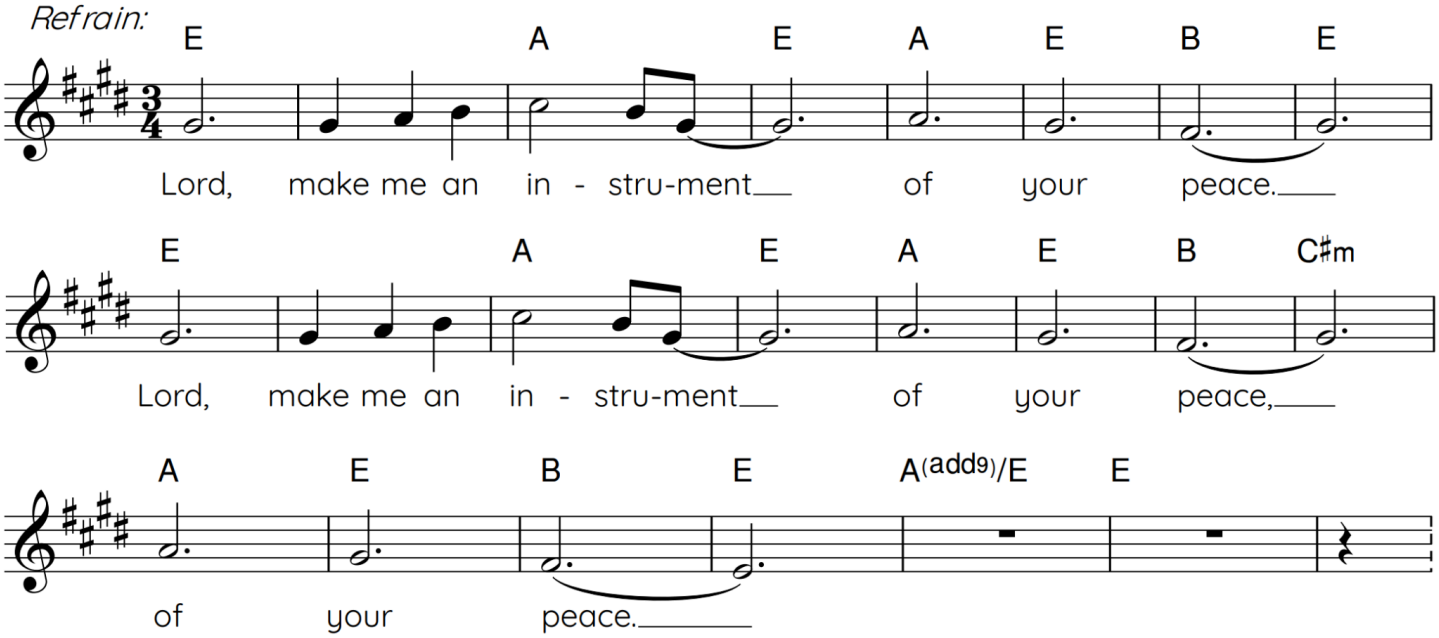


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Being Set Apart | Pastor Trey

PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Please greet one another with Christ's peace.

REGATHERING SONG "Make Me an Instrument"



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Karl Coté

The Ordination & Installation of a Deacon and Elder

Debra Desnoyers – The Deacon for Stewardship & Creation Care
Mark Kaercher – The Elder for Congregational Discernment

Deacons **are set apart for a ministry of mercy, service, and outreach**.

They gather gifts and offerings, care for them faithfully, and distribute them with wisdom and compassion to persons in need and for purposes that advance God's kingdom on earth.

Deacons visit and comfort the distressed, provide for whatever necessities may arise, and assist the congregation at services of worship.

Elders **are set apart for a ministry of watchful and responsible care for the welfare and order of the church**.

They have oversight of all members, including one another, the deacons, and the ministers, equipping everyone to live in harmony with God's Word. They ensure the Word of God is rightly proclaimed and taught, and the sacraments faithfully administered.

Elders assist the minister with their good counsel, and serve all Christians with advice, consolation, and encouragement.

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Traditional translation*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ORDINATION TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Holy Spirit, Come to Us" (3 times)

Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love!
Holy Spirit, come to us; Holy Spirit, come to us.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that Deb and Mark are duly installed as deacon and elder in this church!
Thanks be to God!

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls, Deacon

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

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

* **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to Christ, to his humility and his way, so that we might become more like him. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 (CEB)

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

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

SERMON The Salvation of Imitation

*** SONG OF RESPONSE** "Here I Am, Lord"



*** 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.

Worship Team:

Saturday Prep: **Kevin Ingalls**

Preacher: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Liturgist: **Karen Latta**

Special Announcer: **Karl Coté**

Musician 1: **Ben April**

Musician 2: **Bert Huiest**

Elder: **Melody York**

Deacon: **Kevin Ingalls**

Sunday School: **Sarah Huiest**

Children's Message:
Rev. Trey Tirpak

Children in Worship:
Sarah Huiest

Children's Aide:
Violet Braungard

Sound: **John Lombardo**

Video: **Cameron Kaercher**

Zoom: **Stephanie Wood**

Welcome: **Deb Helf**

Coffee: **Lori Coté**

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&
Sandy Cornwell
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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Tuesday – Psalm 19
Wednesday – Isaiah 5:1-7
Thursday - Psalm 80:7-15
Friday – Philippians 3:4b-14
Saturday - Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Faithful God, you remain when others forsake. When I am tempted to abandon myself today, help me to stay present to this moment, that I may know and do your will. Through the Creator who enfolds me, Christ who defends me,
and the Spirit who never abandons me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Mothering God,
bring me back from today's distractions, to the stillness of your presence, that I may rest in your enfolding arms.
Amen

General Announcements

New Church Doors are Coming!! Our new church doors will be installed September 28-30. We are excited to have new sanctuary doors installed that will be easily accessible for everyone.

The Sew and Reap Quilters will meet in the sanctuary **Monday, September 28, 5:30 – 7:30**. Our project this fall is a comfort quilt for a Hospice patient who is a Veteran. Please bring your sewing machine and general supplies. We also have a few machines that you can borrow if needed. No quilting experience is needed to participate. We welcome anyone who would like to help. Contact Lou Ann Connelly if you need more information.

The Community Outreach Team of Community Reformed Church is seeking volunteers to assist with supplying dinners to the **Overflow Shelter at the First Church**. Use the Sheridan Ave parking lot to drop off meals. The number to call when you arrive is 518-426-1227. The shelter with dinners will be two Mondays a month. Don't worry about delivery; if you are able to have the meal to the church by 5:30, Tina will deliver it for you, please let her know that you will need her to deliver it at least two days before. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Bottini at tinambo85@gmail.com or Vicki Lane at vlane1020@gmail.com. For further information and to sign-up to volunteer, please follow this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-66117483-overflow

Church Banners - Our Church banners that grace our sanctuary and enhance our worship need some cleaning and maintenance. Recently, a textile conservationist determined that they are in good shape but need gentle cleaning to remove dust and grime that has accumulated over the years. She recommended gentle vacuuming using a hose and low suction.
This is a job for more than one or two people. Can you help?

We are asking for volunteers to stay for an hour or so after coffee hour on **October 11**, to work in pairs to vacuum. Each pair will work on one banner, front and back. We are hoping to have enough volunteers to clean four banners.

Deborah Trupin, our expert, will be there to demonstrate the proper procedure. Vacuums with the proper setting for drapery will be provided.

If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the back table, reply to this email, or contact Lou Ann Connelly.Thank you.

Church cleanup day is October 17. We would like to have you join us for our church cleaning event. This year I would like to focus on the Sanctuary, Kitchen, Welcome Way and Bathrooms. The Sanctuary needs a good cleaning and dusting, especially the Alter and Choir loft. I will be moving the Refrigerators in the kitchen so that we can clean and mop these areas that seem to collect large amounts of dust and dirt. So bring your favorite cleaning supplies and join us. Your Church needs you to be involved, please consider donating your time.
Yours in Christ,
Kevin Ingalls

The September Mission of the Month is **The Shawn Bredice Scholarship Fund.** In memory of our son Shawn, our family dedicates funds to an organization or project each year that benefits persons with Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities. Our church family has been generous to us in the past and joined us through Mission of the Month. Over the past 10 years, we have given over $25,000 in scholarships and program funding.

This year, we are returning to a project that we provided the seed money to a few years ago. We want to help SUNSHINE AND COFFEE get up and running. This unique program is run by South Colonie Life Skills teacher, Sara Norton. The middle school students are taught to run a coffee cart. They are responsible for inventory, customer service, making coffee, selling, cashiering and using the profits to help others. It is an absolutely wonderful program in teaching usable life skills.

These past years, they have been able to get sponsorship from area businesses. As they look for another sponsorship, we will support them. BARRY AND I WILL MATCH DOLLAR TO DOLLAR THE MONEY RAISED FROM OUR CHURCH'S Mission of the Month DONATIONS. You may make a donation through your **"Mission of the Month"** offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with September Mission of the Month in the memo line.

Community Outreach Team: For September, we will be collecting fun snacks for back to school. 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:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887124-welcome
    - **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:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-64234321-liturgist#/



COLONIE REPAIR CAFE CAPITAL REGION

AT THE COLONIE LIBRARY

Do you have a beloved household item that could use a little TLC?

Learn from volunteer experts as they repair your item!

Saturday
October 3
12:00-4:00 PM



POSSIBLE REPAIRS*

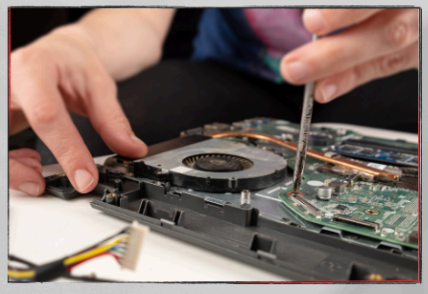
- electrical/wiring
- woodworking
- jewelry
- small appliances
- bicycles
- clothing & textiles
- mechanical
- blade sharpening
- computers
- smart devices



*1 item per attendee, please

Registration not required

Free!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am 10am	5:30pm					12pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am 10am			Worship Committee 6:30pm			9:30am A Rocha 10am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am 10am Mission in Motion 11am	DayCare Closed 2pm 6:30pm	6pm	6pm	6pm		9:30am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am 10am Baptism 10AM	2pm	6pm	6:30pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am 10am Second Hour 11am	5:30pm	6pm				

KEY

Indoor Worship

Sunday School

Women's Bible Study

Asset Walk

Shirley's Shawls

Sew and Reap Quilters

Upper Room for All

Stewardship and Creation Care

Advocacy and Global Missions

Orchid Society

Book Group

Consistory

Community Outreach