



The Supper at Emmaus (1601) by Caravaggio¹

A Service of Installation for the Rev. Trey Spencer Carley Tirpak as Pastor of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie

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¹ The Rev. Bruce Cornwell's communion liturgy—central to CRCC's life and identity—was inspired by this final scene from the Road to Emmaus. This painting by Caravaggio, which is one of Trey's favorite painters, is also displayed in the Koinonia Room.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & WORDS OF THANKS

What is an Installation Service? Like an inauguration, it's a service where Trey will be formally installed as the pastor of the Community Reformed Church.

Today is a special day for me, and I would like to thank all those people and communities who have nurtured and welcomed me:

- My mom, dad, brother, and extended family in HI, NY, NJ, and beyond!
- Hanalani Schools (Mililani, HI)
- First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu at Ko'olau
- Calvin College (Grand Rapids, MI)
- St. Columba's Church, Church of Scotland (Budapest, Hungary)
- Blythefield Christian Reformed Church (Blythfield, MI)
- Central Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI)
- Hope Church (Holland, MI)
- the RCA Ecumenical Associate
- Christ Community Reformed Church (Clifton Park, NY)
- The Regional Synod of Albany, NY
- The First Church in Albany, NY.

Without you and God's grace, I would not be here today! I also want to thank all those who are either participating in today's service or making it happen—thank you so much!

EXTENDED PRELUDE - 10-10:30 AM

Ben April - Piano & Vocals | Bert Huiest - Saxophone

“Light of a Clear Blue Morning” by Dolly Parton - Trey & Cameron’s first dance.

“Goodness of God”

“Hawaii Aloha” - likely the most famous anthem of Hawaii, Trey’s home.

“Vine a Adorar a Dios”

“Jeremiah” from *Weep Jeremiah*, a theatrical production of Rev. Bruce Cornwell

“Day By Day” - Cameron’s favorite hymn

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***.
* - Please rise in body or in spirit

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS Karl Coté, VP of the Consistory

Votum: "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."
Amen.² (Psalm 124:8)

Greeting & Blessing: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." ***Amen.*** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Doris Neese³

We light the Christ candle this morning, recalling Jesus' promise as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

CALL TO WORSHIP Melody York⁴

Friends of Jesus, what do we ultimately long for?
To truly know God and ourselves.⁵

What is our ultimate comfort?
That we and all of creation belong to God.⁶

What is our ultimate purpose?
To glorify and enjoy God forever!⁷

Please rise and lift your hearts and voices to worship the Triune God of love, who joins us on the journey of life and faith!

Different members of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie lead a procession of members from Albany and Schenectady Classes, as well as ecumenical clergy, ministers, and pastors from the area.

² "Votum is a Latin word, meaning desire, which in the Middle Ages was applied to a layperson whose desire (*votum*) was to serve Christ." The Votum is the traditional opening sentence of Reformed Church services. (Trey also loves medieval theology.)

³ Longtime member of CRCC.

⁴ Elder for Worship at CRCC; this call to worship was adapted from the call to worship at Trey's ordination service.

⁵ Based off of the opening lines of John Calvin's *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

⁶ Based off of Q&A #1 of the *Heidelberg Catechism* and *Our World Belongs to God*.

⁷ Based off of Q&A #1 of the *Westminster Catechism* which Trey grew up learning at Hanalani Schools on O'ahu.

LITURGICAL ELEMENTS:

The Word - Sandy Cornwell⁸

The Cloth - Lori Coté⁹

Baptismal Pitcher - Carol Grasso¹⁰

Communionware - Marissa Lombardo¹¹

* PROCESSIONAL SONG “Come With Me / Hamba Nathi”¹²

Come with me
Pray with me for the jour-ney is long.
Sing with me

Come with me
Pray with me for the jour-ney is long.
Sing with me

Come with me
Pray with me for the jour-ney is long.
Sing with me

Come with me
Pray with me for the jour-ney is long.
Sing with me

Refrain:

The jour-ney, the jour-ney, the jour-ney is long., the jour-ney, the jour-ney, the

jour-ney is long., the jour-ney, the jour-ney, the jour-ney is long., the

jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long.,

⁸ Sandy is a longtime member and leader of CRCC; she is also former pastor Bruce's wife, whose personal bible she carries.

⁹ Lori is the Church Administrator of CRCC. The fabrics of the church are inspired by the Shakers whose land we are on.

¹⁰ Carol is the director of the Colonie Community Daycare here. Like in baptism, she makes children feel like they belong.

¹¹ Marissa represents generations of faithful members, especially honoring those whose roots reach to CRCC's beginning.

¹² This traditional South African song has been arranged by John Bell a gay minister of the Church of Scotland. Trey interned for St. Columba's Church, Church of Scotland in Budapest, Hungary. Our preacher today is also from South Africa.

A LITANY OF CONFESSION & BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE¹³

Melody York & Sarah Huiest¹⁴

We worship a God of love who calls out to us, giving us freedom and purpose.

God called Abraham and Sarah, and their countless descendants.

God called those who were entrusted with power:

Judges and priests, prophets and kings; elders, deacons, ministers.

God also called those who did not believe they had power:

Immigrants and gentiles, the poor and those pushed to the margins.

But when the Son became incarnate and before we could utter our “yes” to him,
God was first to call out “Yes!” to Christ, revealing God’s nature: love.¹⁵

God’s “Yes!” to Christ reveals God’s nature of love because **only true love could freely say “Yes!” and embrace a lost and broken world.**

It’s also in this loving “Yes!” that we receive our freedom and purpose,¹⁶
if we dare to respond to God’s call and abide in God’s love.

But sadly, God’s “Yes!” is met by our “No!”—our rejection of God and love.

We confess, O God, that we say “No!” to you and your loving ways. In word and in deed, we repeatedly reject your call to abide in your love and to love others. Rather, we say “Yes!” to all that destroys us and others. Because we reject abiding in your love—abiding in the true vine—we wither and do not bear fruit, ensnared in our own ways. God, call out to us again! Set us free from our sin and misery!¹⁷

water is poured out into the baptismal fount – Mitch Leet¹⁸

Hear the good news: In baptism, God calls us to true freedom and purpose.

We see that God forgives us, claims us in love, gives us a community of love, and calls us anew to live out the liberating ways of love.

On this day all about God’s calling on our lives—whether called as Christ’s follower or as an office bearer—remember your baptism and hear God’s call on your life anew, and be set free for your true purpose: Abiding in God’s love, and bearing the fruit of love. Let’s sing of this calling, freedom, and purpose:

¹³ The themes of love, freedom, and purpose are creatively derived from the RCA Baptismal Liturgy and John 15.

¹⁴ Sarah Huiest serves as the Youth, Communication, & Media Coordinator here at CRCC.

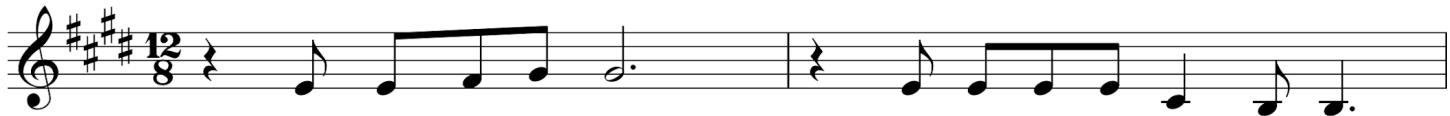
¹⁵ The interplay of “Yes!” and “No!” comes from Karl Barth’s dialectics on divine predestination and vocation in Christ.

¹⁶ The RCA ordination liturgies state, “all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry.”

¹⁷ “sin and misery” is a direct quote from Q&A#2 of the *Heidelberg Catechism*.

¹⁸ Mitch Leet serves as the Associate Director of Room for All, a group that advocates for queer inclusion in the RCA.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE “For Everyone Born”



For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery-one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a chance to re - pent, re - form and re - build,
 to live with-out fear, and simp - ly to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrink - led,
 pro - tect - ing the wronged, with - out shame or press - ure,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery-one born, a star o - ver - head.
 for bod - ies di - verse, a church re - de - signed.
 for just and un - just, God's vi - sion ful - filled.
 for ev - ery-one born, the right to be free.

Refrain:



And God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus - tice and joy, com



pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre -



a-tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - Vicki Lane¹⁹

Loving God, send your Spirit to illuminate this Word, that we may abide in Christ, remain in his love, and love one another as he has loved us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 58:6-12 - Pam Fitzpatrick²⁰

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 13 - Michele Braungard²¹

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

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-13 - Cameron Carley²²

This is the Gospel of The Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

SERMON Rev. Immanuel Van Tonder, Associate Minister of Christ Community Reformed Church in Clifton Park²³

A PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE “God Is Love” (sing 3x)

God is love, and all who live in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

1. [Music] 2. [Music]

¹⁹ Longtime Elder of CRCC, always there to lend a hand.

²⁰ Member of the Search Committee and longtime member of CRCC.

²¹ Member of the Search Committee and longtime member of CRCC.

²² Cameron is Trey's husband and member of CRCC. John 15:1-17 is Trey's favorite gospel passage.

²³ In 2021, Trey became a member of Christ Community Reformed Church (CCRC) when Western Theological Seminary blocked his ordination on the basis of sexuality. His membership at CCRC made a way for him to receive his Certificate of Fitness for Ministry, a practice that CRCC continued for other queer seminarians after Trey that also allowed them to be ordained. CCRC is also the “sister” church-plant of Community Reformed Church. CCRC is where Trey's aunt, uncle, grandmother, and cousins attend.

ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRESENTATION - Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston²⁴

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** - Rev. Dr. Lisa VanderWal²⁵

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

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

QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER

²⁴ Pastor of The Greenbush Reformed Church and President of the Classis of Albany. Trey served under the Rev. Dr. Walston for close to five years at The First Church in Albany. She also served as the Minister-supervisor of CRCC from 2023-2025.

²⁵ Former Pastor of Lisha's Kill Reformed Church and Vice President of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. She was also a major advocate for women, Trey, and other queer people while she was on the Board of Trustees of Western Theological Seminary. The words said here are inspired by the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5 and Colossians 1, *The Heidelberg Catechism*, *The Belhar Confession*, and *The Ecumenical Mandate: The Unity We Seek* of the Reformed Church in America. Trey's love for ecumenism grew when he interned for the former Ecumenical Associate of the Reformed Church, Dr. Monica Schaap Pierce.

REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

I, Trey Spencer Carley Tirpak, being a minister of the Word of God in the Reformed Church in America, within the Classis of Albany, sincerely and gladly declare before God and with you that I believe the gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and as expressed in the Standards of the Reformed Church in America. I accept the Scriptures as the only rule of faith and life. I accept the Standards as historic and faithful witnesses to the Word of God.

I promise to walk in the Spirit of Christ, in love and fellowship within the church, seeking the things that make for unity, purity, and peace. I will submit myself to the counsel and admonition of the classis, always ready, with gentleness and reverence, to give an account of my understanding of the Christian faith. I will conduct the work of the church in an orderly way and in accordance with the Liturgy and the Book of Church Order.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I pledge my life to preach and teach the good news of salvation in Christ, to build up and equip the church for mission in the world, to free the enslaved, to relieve the oppressed, to comfort the afflicted, and to walk humbly with God.

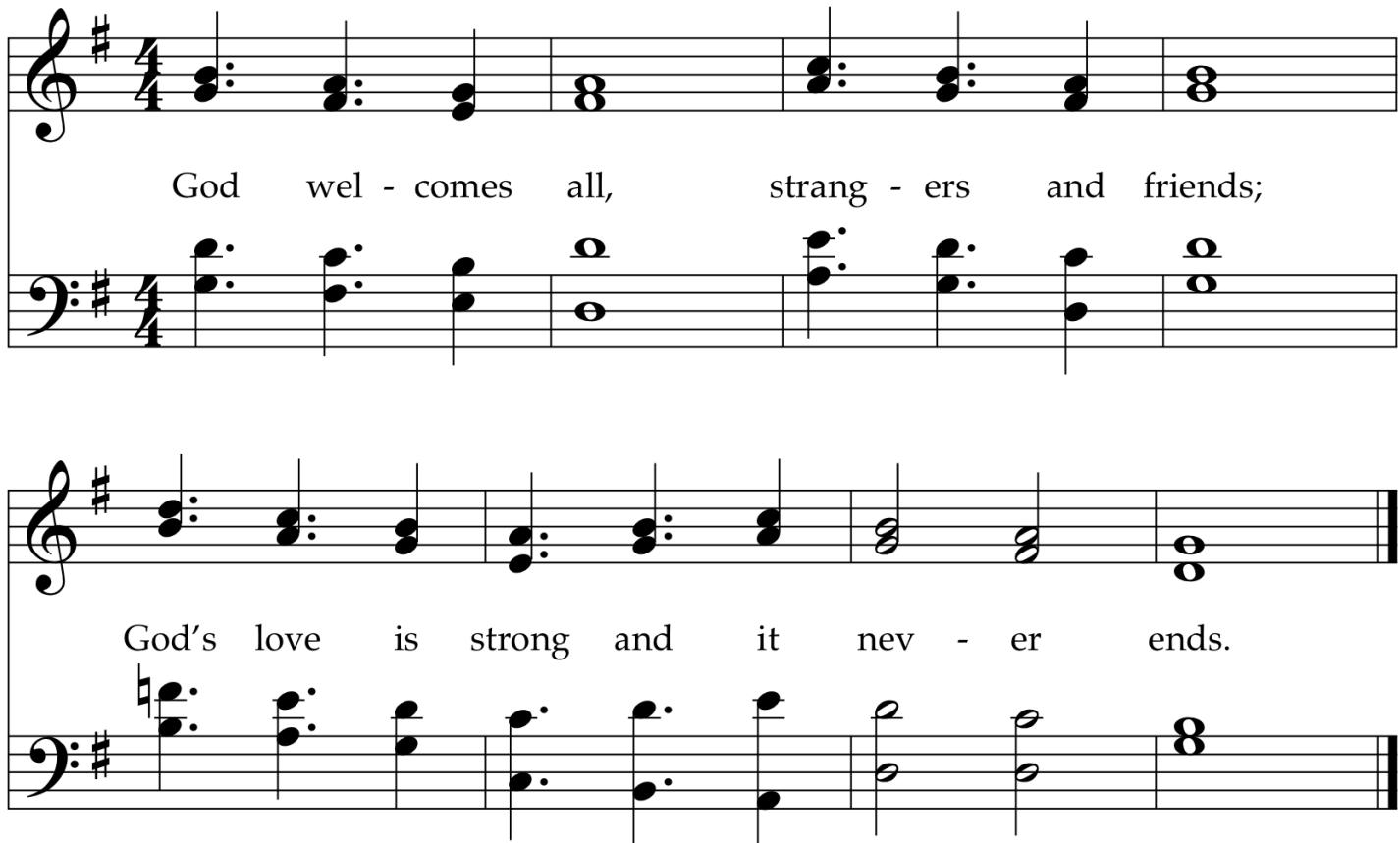
I ask God, and you God's servants, to help me so to live until that glorious day when, with joy and gratitude, we stand before our great God and King.

EXTENDING RIGHHAND OF FELLOWSHIP - The Classis of Albany

In the name of our Lord, we of the Classis of Albany welcome you, and pledge our support, affection, and prayers while you live and work among us as a servant and minister of the Word of God.

The members of the classis are welcome to come forward and extend the right hand of fellowship to Trey while the congregation sings.

RECEPTION SONG “God Welcomes All”



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER Rev. Greg Town²⁶

* QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION (response: “***We Do***”)

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Noreen Fargione²⁷

CONSTITUTION OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

In the name and by the authority of the Classis of Albany,
I now declare that the pastoral relationship between:

The Reverend Trey Spencer Carley Tirpak, and
The Community Reformed Church of Colonie
is fully constituted, and that The Reverend Trey Tirpak
is the duly installed pastor and teacher of this church.

Thanks be to God!

²⁶ Co-Pastor with the Rev. Becky Town of the Thompson Lake, Knox, and Bern Reformed Churches.

²⁷ Former Regional Coordinator of Development for the Reformed Church in America, Preaching Elder of Delmar Reformed Church, and former member and teacher of CRCC. She also served as the Elder-supervisor of CRCC from 2023-2025.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Tina & Kevin Bottini²⁸

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.



Photo by Cameron Carley on Trey's first Sunday at CRCC, October 5th, 2025

²⁸ Tina serves as a Preaching Elder for CRCC, and Kevin serves as a Deacon for CRCC.

* **SENDING HYMN** “City of God”

1. A - wake from your slum - ber!____ A - rise from your sleep!
 2. We are sons of the morn-ing;____ we are daugh - ters of day.

A new day is dawn-ing____ for all those who weep.
 The one who has loved us____ has bright - ened our way.

The peo-ple in dark-ness____ have seen a great light.
 The Lord of all kind - ness____ has called us to be

The a Lord of for our long - ing____
 light for his peo - ple____

has con-que-red the night.____
 to set their hearts free.____

Refrain:

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in - to danc - ing!

For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the

to verses, end after final verse

night in - to day! :

3. God is light; in Christ there is no dark- ness. Let us walk

in His light, God's chil - dren, one and all.

O com-fort my peo - ple; make gen-tle your words.

Pro - claim to my cit - y

the day of her birth.

to refrain

4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice!

Pro - claim the good tid - ings

that all may re - joice!

to refrain

* 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.***

RECEPTION

Please enjoy some refreshments and fellowship at the back of the sanctuary!

Others in Worship Today

Pianist & Vocalist
Music Director & Chair of the Search Committee
Ben April

Saxophonist
Bert Huiest

Sound Technician
Mike York

Video Technician
Alex Huiest

Welcome Host
Many

Coffee Hour Host
Many

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The Irish Blessing

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