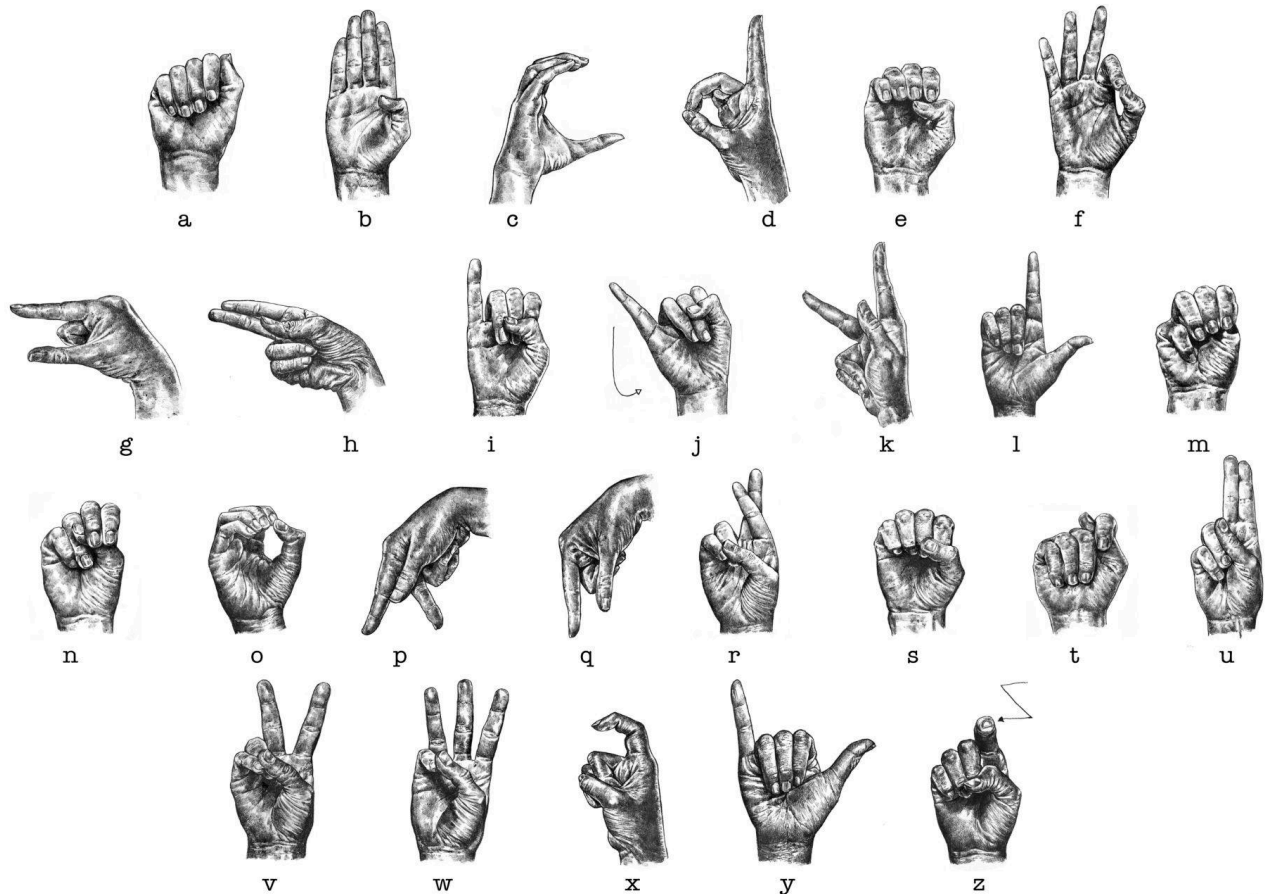


ASL Alphabet



Roz MacLean

The Alphabet of American Sign Language (ASL) by Roz MacLean

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 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.

We welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today!

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

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

An Anthem for Memorial Day

“More Than A Name On A Wall” by The Statler Brothers

I saw her from a distance
As she walked up to the wall
In her hand, she held some flowers

As her tears began to fall
And she took out pen and paper
As to trace her memories
She looked up to heaven
And the words she said were these

She said, "Lord, my boy was special, and he meant so much to me
And though I'd love to see him just one more time, you see
All I have are the memories and the moments to recall
So Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall?"

She said, "He really missed the family
And being home on Christmas day
And he died for God and Country
In a place so far away"

"I remember just a little boy
Playing war since he was three
Lord, this time I know
He's not coming home to me"

She said, "Lord, my boy was special, and he meant so much to me
And though I'd love to see him, but I know it just can't be
So I thank you for my memories and the moments to recall
But Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall?"

Lord, could you tell him
He's more than a name on a wall?

PRELUDE “We Shall Overcome”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER - Melody

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on a litany from *Sing! A New Creation* (RCA)

Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, at the beginning, you moved over the face of the waters, and breathed into every living being the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole of creation!

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame the righteous with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice, fulfillment, and delight.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts!

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from sin and evil!

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord and show us the depth of divine love.

Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in Christ’s way!

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your world and to share the good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of God’s love!

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race, and culture, and heal divisions that separate us or minimize diversity.

Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in Christ’s love!

Holy Spirit, Giver of Life: At the close of the age, all creation will be renewed to sing your praises forevermore.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Christ!

*** OPENING HYMN “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

Refrain:



Spir - it, Spir-it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness call-ing and



free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

End after final verse



plac - id-ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Verses:



You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,



— then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 — and you goad - ed your peop - ple with a law and a land;
 — then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;



— and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
 — and when they were blind - ed with their i - dols and lies,
 — and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,



— a - wake from your slum - bers
 — then you spoke through your proph - ets
 — when you blew through your peo - ple



— and rise on your wings.
 — to o - pen their eyes.
 — on the rush of the wind.

PROFESSION OF FAITH Portions of §28-30 of *Our World Belongs to God*

At Pentecost, ***promises old and new are fulfilled.*** The ascended Jesus becomes the baptizer, ***drenching his followers with his Spirit, creating a new community where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make their home.*** Revived and filled with the breath of God, ***women and men, young and old, dream dreams and see visions.***

The Spirit renews our hearts ***and moves us to faith,*** leads us into truth ***and helps us to pray,*** stands by us in our need ***and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.*** God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church in astonishing variety...

The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. Anointed and sent by the Spirit, the church is thrust into the world, ***ambassadors of God's peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, and proclaiming the good news of grace...***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "With You, O Lord" (3 times)

***With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
And in your light we shall see true light.
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And in your light we shall see true light.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on a prayer from *The Worship Sourcebook*

Generous God, you freely pour out the gift of your Spirit, and so we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and intentionally ignorant to spiritual things.

Spirit of Life, cleanse us with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith to receive the Word you have for us and the ones you want us to share. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Jesus, Remember Me” (3 times)

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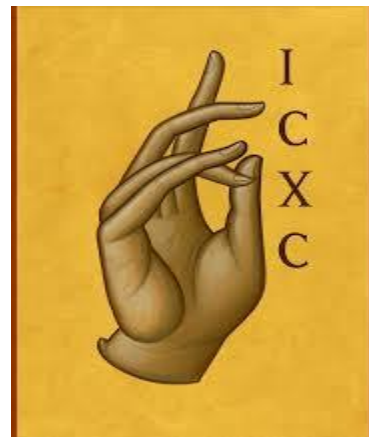
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Please greet one another in the
sanctuary and online with Christ’s peace.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - Sarah

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin

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 invited to participate in the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie by giving through the offering plates as they come by, placing your gift in the box at the back, or using Zeffy on our website.

* **DOXOLOGY** Praise to God the Father | Da n'ase!¹

¹ During Eastertide, our doxology—literally, our “word of glory”—was filled with joyful alleluias, echoing the season’s celebration of resurrection and new life. Now, for a portion of the Season after Pentecost, we turn to a doxology from Ghana, “Da n'ase!,” as a reminder that God’s praises are sung by all peoples in every language and land.

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spir - it:

praise to the Three-in - One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on

high. Praise to God Al - mighty - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

ANTHEM “More Than a Name on a Wall” (*words on front page*)

Jesus says, “No greater love than this, than for one to lay down their life for their friends.” We thank all those who have given their life or time, or who currently serve, to protect what’s good in our world. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, illuminate your Word today; teach us to live as people transformed by your presence and ways of generosity. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-12 (CEB)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?”

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

SERMON “God Speaks People Fluently”

* **SENDING HYMN** “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”



Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er__ dwell - ing in the__ ho - liest_ realms of__ light;
 Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er__ liv - ing as the__ Church's_ ver - y__ life;
 Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er__ work - ing through the__ Church's_ min - is - try;



Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er__ brood - ing o'er a__ world of__ gloom and night;
 Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er__ striv - ing through us__ in a__ cease - less strife;
 quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive_ sin - ners free;



Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of__ earth to thrones on__ high;
 Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the__ Church the mind of__ Christ;
 Ho - ly__ Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to__ age and soul to__ soul__



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing__ Spir - it, you we__ praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we__ praise with end - less_ wor - ship for your_ fruits and gifts un - priced.
 in com - mun - ion nev - er__ end - ing, you we__ wor - ship_ and_ ex - tol.

*** 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.*

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