



The Transfiguration (1939-41) by Albert Gleizes

Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 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 you 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

For Contemplation

“We no longer dare to believe in beauty and we make of it a mere appearance in order to more easily dispose of it.

Our situation today shows that beauty demands for itself at least as much courage and decision as do truth and goodness, and she will not allow herself to be separated and banned from her two sisters without taking them along with herself in an act of mysterious vengeance.”

Hans Urs von Balthasar, *The Glory Of The Lord: A Theological Aesthetics. Vol. 1, Seeing the Form*

PRELUDE “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER SHAWL - The prayer shawl out this morning is for Beth, Donna Davidson's former colleague, who has a serious medical condition. After worship, please come forward to lay hands on the shawl and offer prayers for Beth and her two children.

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Melody

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on major scenes of revealed glory in scripture

Long ago, Moses turned and noticed something he couldn’t explain:
a bush that burned with fire but was not consumed by it.

As he approached this glorious mystery with trembling wonder,
the great I AM spoke with him and said, “I’ll be with you.”

And that very same, glorious Presence was revealed again and again:
in the fiery pillar that led the people at night;
in the cloud that lead the people by day;
in the thunder and lighting on Mount Sinai;
in the tabernacle—the Tent of Meeting;
in the Holy of Holies upon the Ark of the Covenant.

And that very same, glorious Presence became human.
In Christ, we can truly know this mysterious, glorious God!

On another mountain long ago, Jesus gathered Peter, James, and John,
and in glorious light they glimpsed Christ’s true nature.

His face shone like the sun, his clothes gleamed with radiance,
and they saw, for a moment, the fullness of God’s glory.

And that very same, glorious Presence of Christ joins us today.
Today, we dare to glimpse your glory, Jesus!

Through prayers said and songs sung, scripture read and the Word preached, **we open our hearts, minds, and souls to your beauty!**
Transform us, O God!

For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait!
Truly our hope is in you! Come light our hearts!

*** OPENING SONG “Come Light Our Hearts”**

Refrain:



For you, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. For you, O Lord, our



souls in still-ness wait. Tru-ly our hope is in You. Tru-ly our hope is in You. *end after final verse*



O Lord of life, our on - ly hope. Your ra - diance shines on all who
O Joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in you we find more than e -



to refrain
look to you in the dark. Em-man - u - el come, come light our hearts.
nough; we come as we are, O heal and re- store, come light our hearts.

DIALOGUE IN FAITH §556 “The Foretaste of the Kingdom: Transfiguration”

On the threshold of public life: baptism.

On the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration.

Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism, but the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration," our own Resurrection.

From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ, and the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body."

EPIPHANY PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Send Out Your Light" (3 times)



Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.



Then let them lead me to the place where you re - side.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light and transformation, we confess that we often walk past your glory, distracted or afraid. Through busyness, exhaustion, and even cynicism, we have numbed ourselves to your presence in daily life, in others, and in moments of beauty.

So today, as an act of repentance, we turn to you, making ourselves vulnerable to your beauty that will transform us.

***Make your glorious and radiant Presence be:
a warming fire for the cold miseries of life;
a refiner's fire to the sin in our life and world;
and, a bonfire for reconciliation and fellowship. Amen.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Shepherd Me, O God” (3 times)

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FULFILLMENT OF GOD’S LAW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - Melody

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Kevin I.

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 “Hosanna”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, take us to the mountaintop and show us your glory so that we might believe and listen to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 (CEB)

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. Jesus was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good that we’re here. If you want, I’ll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!” Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead.”

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

SERMON Beauty & Vulnerability



*** SONG OF RESPONSE “In the Midst of New Dimensions”**



In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,
 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions, and de - spair,
 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, old and young,
 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions caus us to with - draw in pain,



who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
 grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain:



God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple,



ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

*** 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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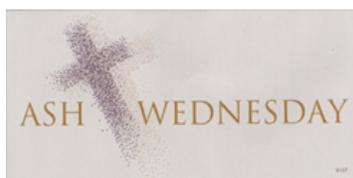
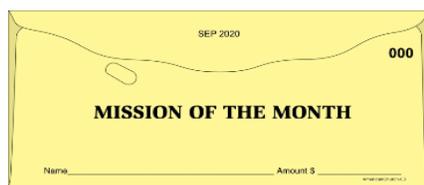
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A wheelchair is located in the entranceway of the church.



A sign-up sheet for CD copies of this morning's service is located on the back table.



Large print bulletins are available on request.



Our sanctuary is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask the elder or deacon for a receiver.



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