



Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Order of Service –
September 21, 2025
10:00 am

For Contemplation

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power,
the world will know peace."

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 worshipping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE “For the Fruit of All Creation”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda Murphy

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “God is Here Today”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of goodness and grace, we long for your presence,
for the peace your promises bring, and for the assurances we have
received through the gift of your Son.

***May we, your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to
see and open ears to hear your presence among us.***

Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord, and prepare us for worship.
Amen

* **HYMN** “Hear Us From Heaven” (2 times)

***Lord, hear our cry, come heal our land
Breathe life into these dry and thirsty souls
Lord, hear our prayer, forgive our sin
And as we call on Your name, would You make this a place
For Your glory to dwell***

Chorus:

***Open the blind eyes, unlock the deaf ears
Come to Your people, as we draw near
Hear us from heaven, touch our generation
We are Your people crying out in desperation***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to God

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "I Belong to You, O God" (3 times)

***I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.
I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world, so much suffering through the ages, wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse.

***We cry on behalf of our violent world:
Lord, have mercy.***

O Lord, you love and care for us as a parent; you came to share life with us as a brother. But we confess we have failed to live as your children and instead have broken many bonds.

***We cry on behalf of our violent world:
Lord, have mercy.***

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community, to consider one another as brother and sister, regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity. Yet we prejudge one another, refuse to love one another, and victimize one another.

***We cry on behalf of our violent world:
Lord, have mercy.***

O Lord, giver of all life, you fearfully and wonderfully made us and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life. Yet we endanger the lives of one another, abuse the lives of young children among us, destroy those who are defenseless, and oppress those who are powerless.

*We cry on behalf of our violent world:
Lord, have mercy.
Pardon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Do Not, O Lord, Withhold Your Mercy” (3 times)

*Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy.
Grant us grace, grant us hope,
Grant us strength, grant us peace.
Let your steadfast love keep us safe forever.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

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 “He Leadeth Me”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Pray for All”



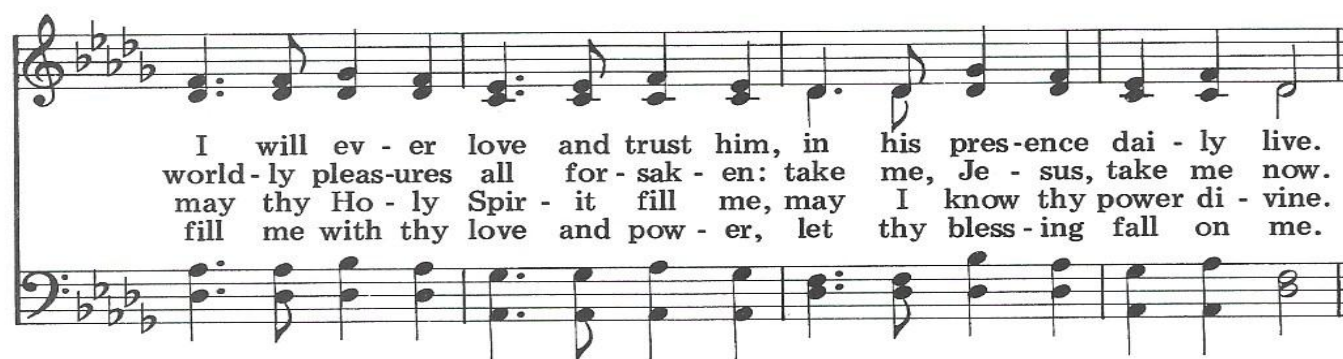
*HYMN 579 "I Surrender All"

579 I Surrender All

... "We have left everything to follow you!" Mk. 10:28



1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

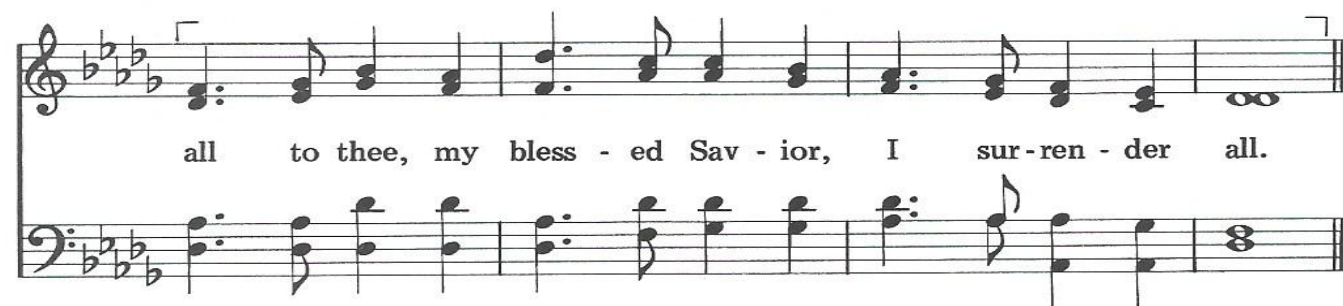


I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly pleas-ures all for - sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

Refrain



I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

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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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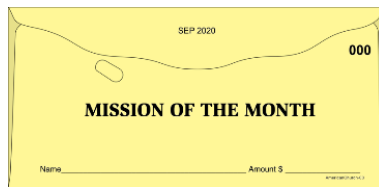
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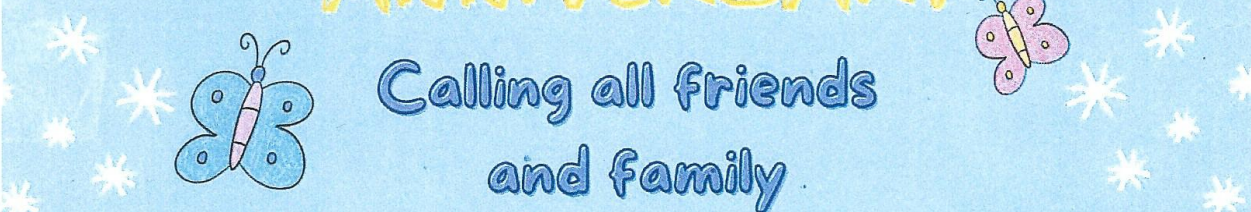
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AND
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