



Healing the Paralytic at Capernaum

A Service of Healing & Restoration
March 22, 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

Today’s Service

Our annual Lenten Healing Service offers prayers for healing and restoration as we bring Christ our pains, trusting his grace and presence to attend to them.

During the service, you may remain in silent prayer or come forward for the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

For Contemplation

“Lord of my longing, I have hopes that live deep within me and make my heart ache—ache for a place to belong, for beauty, for love to satisfy my heart, for shalom for this broken world, for home to be with you.

I reach out to you. I reach out to the source of these desires, the Christ Jesus, the guarantee of a restored world and my resurrection.”

- A prayer from *Seeking God's Face: Praying with the Bible through the Year* by Rev. Phil Reinders, pastor at Knox Presbyterian Church in Toronto Canada.

PRELUDE “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRAYER SHAWL: The prayer shawl out this morning is for Wayne, a friend of Donna Davidson, who is facing health challenges. After worship, please come forward to lay hands on the shawl and say a prayer for Wayne.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES OF LENT

LENTEN INTROIT “Take, O Take Me As I Am” (3 times)

This Lent, four symbols will be brought forward during the Lenten Introit. They symbolize the primary ways the living Word of God meets us:

1. **The Bible**, symbolizing the Word of God who still speaks to us today.
2. **A Drape** for the Cross, symbolizing the Word of God who became flesh and gave himself in love, showing us “The Way” to live.
3. **A Pitcher**, symbolizing the Word of God who washes, claims, and gives us a vocation in the waters of baptism.
4. **A Plate & Cup**, symbolizing the Word of God who feeds and sustains us at his table of reconciliation and fellowship.

May the words of this introit be our honest prayer this Lent.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano/Alto) and a piano accompaniment line (Tenor/Bass).

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on John 5:1-15

Come, all who wait beside the waters of healing and restoration!
We come with our weariness, our wounds, and our hope.

Jesus sees us where we are, and asks, “Do you want to be made well?”
We do! We come wanting wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

Jesus sees us, and he will call us to new life.
We come, ready for whatever healing may come.

So, let us worship the One who restores and makes us whole.
We come to worship you, God of new life!



* OPENING SONG "It Is Well with My Soul"

It Is Well with My Soul 519

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:21

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

Refrain

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 ate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well It is
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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PROFESSION OF FAITH Portions of *Article 26 of The Belgic Confession*

We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor, "Jesus Christ the righteous."...

This Mediator, whom the Father has appointed between himself and us, ought not terrify us by his greatness, so that we have to look for another one according to our fancy.

For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does.

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

Jesus, we confess how hard it is to wait at the edge of the healing waters. We ache for restoration, yet fear the cost of healing, knowing that when others are made whole, some respond with judgment, and we dread facing the same.

Immerse us in your Holy Spirit so we might be strengthened to rise and walk on towards wherever you lead, and to live fully in the wholeness you bring, even if the world critiques us. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "The Kingdom of God" (3 times)

***The Kingdom of God is
justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please rise and greet one another with Christ's peace.

You're encouraged to embrace, shake hands, or give the Orthodox sign of Christ's peace, greeting both those in-person and online. To make the sign, touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger.

When the music starts to play, the children are invited to come forward for the children's message.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Trey

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 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.

ANTHEM "Healer"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word of God, meet us in our waiting and heal us. Grant us the power to rise, receive your healing, and walk in wholeness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 107:17-22 & John 5:1-15 (CEB)

Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways.

They suffered because of their wickedness.

They had absolutely no appetite for food;
they had arrived at death's gates.

So they cried out to the Lord in their distress,
and God saved them from their desperate circumstances.

God gave the order and healed them;
he rescued them from their pit.

Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love
and his wondrous works for all people.

Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and declare what God has done in songs of joy!

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

After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethesda. It had five covered porches, and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there. A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

The sick man answered him, "Sir, I don't have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I'm trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me."

Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

The Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It's the Sabbath; you aren't allowed to carry your mat."

He answered, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

They inquired, "Who is this man who said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?" The man who had been cured didn't know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away from the crowd gathered there.

Later Jesus found him in the temple and said, "See! You have been made well. Don't sin anymore in case something worse happens to you." The man went and proclaimed to the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

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

SERMON The Mystery of Walking On

A SERVICE OF HEALING & RESTORATION

AN ELDER'S AND DEACON'S PRAYER FOR HEALING

Sung refrain: ***O God, hear us; hear our prayer.***

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.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

All those who have been ordained to the Office of Elder are invited to come forward to participate in the laying on of hands.

For those who wish to receive the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil, I invite you to come forward or summon us to come to your side.

* SONG OF RESPONSE "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"



We can - not meas - ure how_ you heal_ or an - swer ev - ery
 The pain that will_ not go_ a - way, the guilt_ that clings from
 So some have come who need_ your help_ and some have come to



suf - ferer's prayer, yet_ we be - lieve_ your grace_ re -
 things_ long past, the_ fear of what_ the fu - ture
 make_ a - mends, as_ hands which shaped and saved_ the



sponds where faith_ and doubt_ u - nite_ to care.
 holds_ are pres - ent as_ if meant_ to last.
 world_ are pres - ent in_ the touch_ of friends.



Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive_ to hold_ and
 But_ pres - ent, too, is love which tends the hurt_ we nev - er
 Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here_ to mend the bod - y,



heal_ and warn, to_ car - ry all_ through death_ to
 hope_ to find, the_ pri - vate ag - o - nies_ in -
 mind_ and soul, to_ dis - en - tan - gle peace_ from



life_ and cra - dle chil - dren yet_ un - born.
 side, the mem - o - ries_ that haunt_ the mind.
 pain_ and make_ your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

*** 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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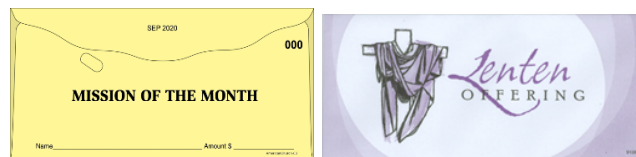
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Puzzle Capital Campaign

Each puzzle piece is a \$50 donation

These gifts help pay the church's debt incurred from the roof repair.

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A general catchment fund for things outside of the other funds, e.g., flowers for Christmas or Easter, donations in honor of someone, building/grounds initiatives, etc.

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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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