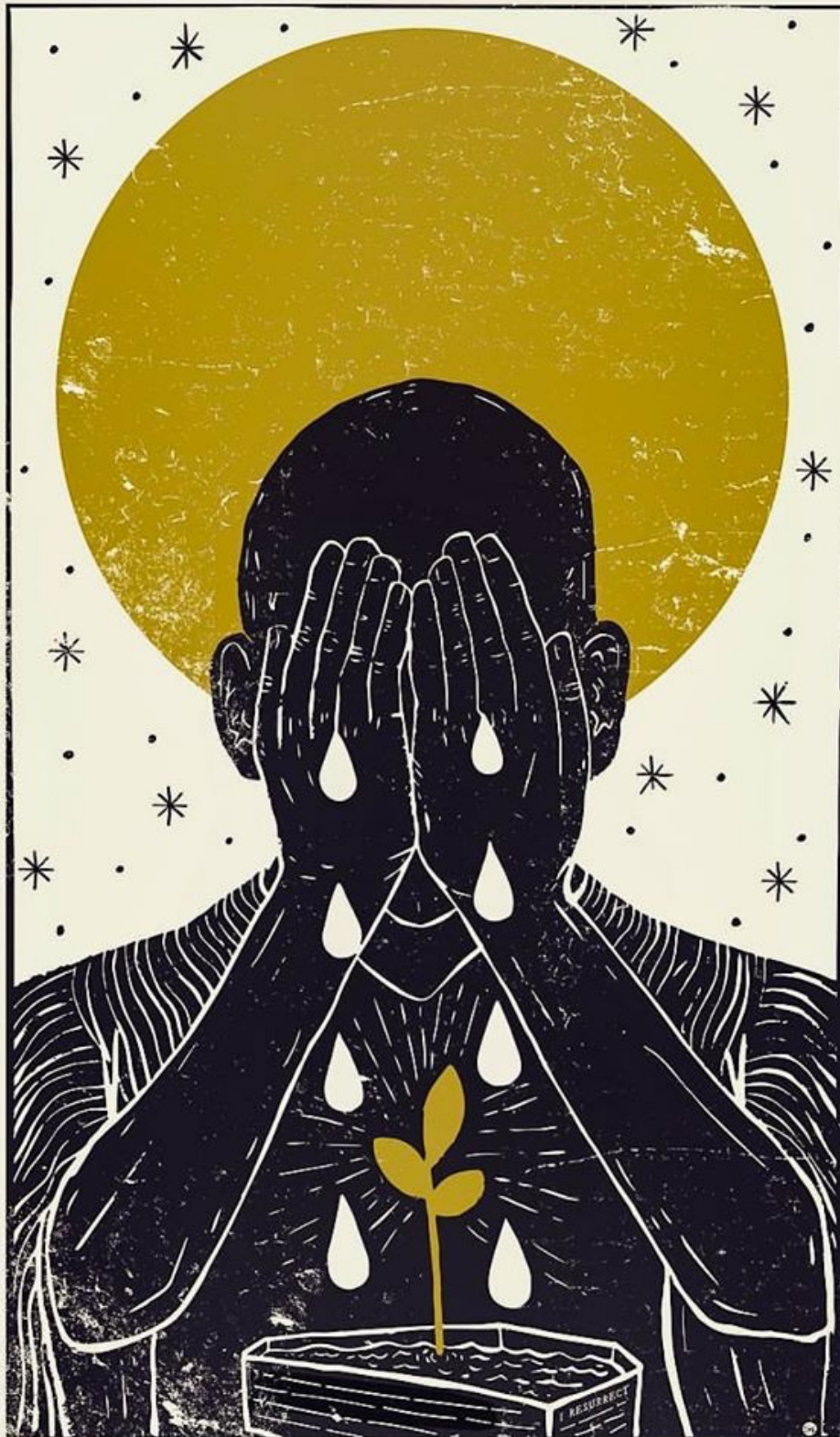




The Sorrowful Saint (2016) by Scott Erickson

“A Summer of Psalms” Sermon Series: Psalm 69
August 9, 2026 | 9 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 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

A Portion of Today's Psalm:

Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in the miry depths,
where there is no foothold.

I have come into the deep waters;
the floods engulf me.
I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.

PRELUDE “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

- You're invited to sit in or outside of your car. If you're in a car, please:
 - Tune your radio to FM 88.9.
 - Honk your horn as a way to say “Amen!” or “Peace”
- For those online, today's bulletin is at www.communityreformedchurch.com.
- Children are welcome to be at our playground or play on the playground.
- Want to get connected? Contact the church office or visit our website.
- Come to our final Summer Fellowship Sunday on **August 23rd**, when we'll gather for a Congregational Service-Meeting and awesome summer BBQ!



We have
accessible
facilities.



Large print
bulletins are
available.



We are a
RoomforAll
Church!

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 67

Come, all you who feel the deep waters pulling you under.
We come shouting, "Save Me, O God!"

Come, all you who weep until your tears run dry.
We come, because God hears the cry of the needy.

Come, all you who seek solid ground beneath your feet.
We come, because God is our solid rock in the storm.

Bring your whole selves to God today!
We bring our pain, our uncertainty, our exhaustion!

Let us worship the God who
***rescues us from the mire, and
sets our feet upon solid ground!***

Let us worship the Lord.



* OPENING SONG “Save Me, O God; I Sink in Floods”



Save me, O God; I sink in__floods, plunged in - to mis - er - y.
Your stead - fast mer - cy, Lord, is__good; hide not your face_ from me.
Though I am poor and sor - row - ful, O Lord, at - tend_ my cry.



My con - stant weep - ing brings no__ help; Lord, hear and ans - wer me.
Hear my dis - tress and an - swer, Lord; make haste and set__ me free.
Let your sal - va - tion come to__ me, and lift me up__ on high.



In full as - sur - ance of your_ grace I turn to you in prayer.
You know of my__ re - proach and__ shame; my heart de - spairs from grief.
Let heaven and earth and_ seas re - joice; let all that move give praise.



De - liv - er me__ from surg - ing__floods; draw near; reach out__ in care.
I looked for pit - y,__ but I__found no com - fort or__ re - lief.
All those that love_ God's name shall live in Zi - on all__ their days.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we feel as though the floodwaters of life are rising all around us. We've also started to notice that we hide our pain, stifle our cries, and pretend we are stronger than we are.

If we're honest, all this hiding, stifling, and pretending has made us feel disconnected from our lives. It's as if we're watching ourselves walk through life rather than living it. We need to attend to the pain within us, but we are afraid.

Send your Spirit to give us the strength to cry out like the psalmist and say, "Save me, O God!" We also ask that you meet us in the depths of our darkness and receive our tears. Remind us that your steadfast love is our solid rock in the storm. Amen.

TAIZÉ REFRAIN “In God Alone” (3 times)

***In God alone my soul can find rest and peace; in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest; find its rest and peace.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please honk your horn or walk around to share Christ’s peace.



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH & WORLD – Marv Helf, Deacon

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 encouraged to give to the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie via the offering plates or electronically through Zeffy.

* 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 “Draw Near” (Psalm 69)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the depths, when we feel overwhelmed, let your Word become our refuge. Open our hearts to hear your steadfast love and trust your saving presence. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 69:1-5, 13-22, 27, 29 (NIV)

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have come up to my neck.
I sink in the miry depths,
where there is no foothold.
I have come into the deep waters;
the floods engulf me.
I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.
My eyes fail,
looking for my God.
Those who hate me without reason
outnumber the hairs of my head;
many are my enemies without cause,
those who seek to destroy me.
I am forced to restore
what I did not steal.

You, God, know my folly;
my guilt is not hidden from you.

But I pray to you, Lord,
in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure
salvation.
Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.
Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of
your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.
Come near and rescue me;
deliver me because of my foes.

You know how I am
scorned, disgraced, and shamed;
all my enemies are before you.
Scorn has broken my heart
and has left me helpless;
I looked for sympathy,
but there was none,
for comforters, but I found none.
They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

May the table set before them
become a snare;
may it become retribution and a trap.

Charge them with crime upon crime;
do not let them share in your
salvation.

But as for me, afflicted and in pain—
may your salvation, God, protect me.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Save Me, O God”

Sermon Notes

* SONG OF RESPONSE “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”



There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea.
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of the mind.



There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is__ no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven.
If our_ love were but more faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and our lives re - flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

* 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.***

Note:

*If you're interested in participating in the Psalm Analysis & Composition class,
gather in the Koinonia Room about 15 minutes after coffee time.
The class will be 45 minutes to an hour.*

Worship Team:

Minister: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**
Liturgist: **Pam Izzo**
Elder: **Vicki Lane**
Deacon: **Marv Helf**
Music Director: **Ben April**
Sound: **Jerry Kallner**
Video: **Cameron Kaercher**
Zoom Host: **Steve Latta**
Welcome Host: **Lou Ann Connelly**
Coffee Host: **Deb Helf**

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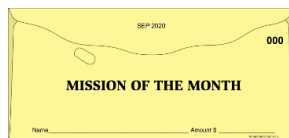
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&

Sandy Cornwell

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Genesis 45:1-15

Tuesday - Psalm 133

Wednesday - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thursday - Psalm 67

Friday - Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Saturday - Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Sunday - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

God of my destiny,
thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold.
Send me now as your servant to succor the suffering
and as your disciple to declare the good news of your Son.
Help me to remember during times of testing that your word
goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Son of God,
this day has been crowded with work and service.
This evening,
bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray.
Help me to know your reassuring presence with me through the night hours.
May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.

General Announcements

The July/August Mission of the Month is Regional Food Bank Backpack Drive. “The Backpack Program helps alleviate child hunger by discreetly providing hungry children with bags of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food every Friday afternoon, so they have food to eat throughout the weekend.” Donations to Regional Food Bank can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month Envelope, via PayPal, or directly on their web site, (<https://give.regionalfoodbank.net/give/420462/#!/donation/checkout>).

Backpack Items Needed:

Breakfast Items:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Milk or juice
- Snacks

“Easy to Prepare” Meals:

- Mac and cheese
- Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches
- Canned soup
- Fresh or canned fruit or veggies
- Snacks

Community Outreach Team: For July, we will be collecting condiments(mayo, ketchup, mustard and ect.) and extras like olives and pickles. Also fun fruit snacks. Shelf stable milk is always in need.They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your contributions are most appreciated.

We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-64234322-welcome#/>

- **Welcome Hosts** greet everyone as they arrive for worship, and provide printed bulletins. Hosts will also provide a warm welcome for all visitors.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** will set-up then monitor coffee service after worship. This ministry promotes a time to catch-up with members of our church family and meet our visitors.

- **Liturgist Sign Up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-64234321-liturgist#/>

Notice of Congregational Meeting & Ordination/Installation Service¹

- Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, August 23rd, 9 AM
- Ordination/Installation of officers will be on Sunday, September 27th, 10 AM

Deacon & Elder Nominations

For the terms starting in September of 2026, there is one vacancy the Board of Elders will need to fill, and one vacancy the Board of Deacons will need to fill:

1. The Elder for Congregational Discernment² – a 4-year renewable term.
2. The Deacon for Stewardship & Creation Care³ – a 4-year renewable term.

The Consistory has approached two confessing members for both of these vacancies, and both said they would be willing to serve in these capacities:

1. **Mark Kaercher** for Elder for Congregational Discernment.
2. **Debra Desnoyers** for Stewardship & Creation Care.

Confessing (active) members are invited to nominate these two individuals, and/or other confessing (active) members. If you feel called to nominate other members who are not listed here, please discuss your reasoning with them before nominating them. All nominees who accept their nomination will be voted on at our congregational meeting. Place this form in the offering.

Elder Nominee _____

Deacon Nominee _____

Your printed name _____

Your signature _____

¹ According to the *Book of Church Order*, “The elders and deacons shall be chosen from the confessing [active] members of the church in full communion who have attained the age of twenty-one years or, at the discretion of the consistory, eighteen years. They shall be elected by a vote of the confessing members of the church. Notice of a congregational meeting for the election of elders and deacons shall be made in the usual place of worship on two Sundays preceding the date of such meeting... The names of the persons elected as elders and deacons shall be published in the church on three successive Sundays preceding their installation, in order that any legitimate objections may be presented to the board of elders for its judgment.”

² This elder is the main interlocutor with the minister for discerning the congregation’s calling, vision, and strategic plan.

³ This deacon is responsible for chairing the Stewardship & Creation Care Committee and its responsibilities.

AUGUST'S OUTREACH OUTING

Bring your
lawn chair or
blanket!!



★ *ALL ARE WELCOME* ★

Tuesday, August 18th, 6:30PM
Frank A. Leak Amphitheater (Cook Park)
Shambrook Pkwy, Colonie, 12205

Worship moves

INDOORS

and back to **10AM**



**Sunday,
September 6th**

Blessing of the Backpacks!

SEPTEMBER 13TH



Students and Educators are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on

Sunday, September 13th, 10AM.

During worship, a special blessing will be given for the new school year.

All are welcome to attend!

Questions? Contact Sarah Huiest
crccsarah@gmail.com



Ecumenical Worship Service for the Season of Creation

September 16 + 5:30 PM

Lisha's Kill Reformed Church (Outdoor Pavilion)
2131 Central Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304

Led by the Colonie-area clergy and faith leaders of the Capital Area Council of Churches



A photograph of a church interior, likely a sanctuary or fellowship hall, with a wooden floor, a large quilt hanging on the wall, and a table set up with a white tablecloth and various items. The text is overlaid on this image.

FIRST ANNUAL

Congregational Service-Meeting & Summer BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD @ 9 AM

Join us to celebrate the ministry we've shared this ministry-year, get informed, elect new Consistory leaders, and look ahead to the 2026–2027 ministry-year.

Afterward, we'll gather outside for our final Summer Fellowship event: a summer BBQ featuring hamburgers and hot dogs, games and fellowship!

A freewill offering will be accepted at the BBQ to cover its cost. You're encouraged to bring soft beverages for your household. If you'd also like to contribute a side dish or dessert, please see the sign-up sheet.

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 26	27	28	29	30	31	1
 9am  10am 		 6pm	 6pm	 6pm		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 9am		Worship Committee 6:30pm	 6pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 9am  10am			 6pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
 9am		 6pm				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
 9am Indoor Worship Congregational Mtg.  BBQ after worship			 6pm			
30	31	September 1	2	3	4	5
 9am LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP						

KEY	 Indoor Worship	 Outdoor Worship	 Joe's Boys Outreach Outing	 Fellowship Sunday
	 Bible Study	 Consistory	 Second Hour Psalm Writing	 Book Group