



Daughters of Zelophehad (2008) by Iris Wexler

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service –
October 12, 2025
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 worshipping with us.

For Contemplation

“Moses brought their case before the Lord.
The Lord said to Moses: Zelophehad’s daughters are
right in what they are saying.” Numbers 27:5-7a

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.
* - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE “In Christ There Is No East or West”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Vicki Lane

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Proverbs 1

Wisdom raises her voice in the streets!

She cries out for the truth to be made known and justice to be realized!

She calls out to those with ears to hear and hearts open wide. She says:

"How long will you love simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?"

“Turn to me and listen, for I will pour out my heart to all who listen.”

So, we come here today to listen to you, Wisdom. For your Words are the way, the truth, and the life.

Come! Worship the God who desires our flourishing!

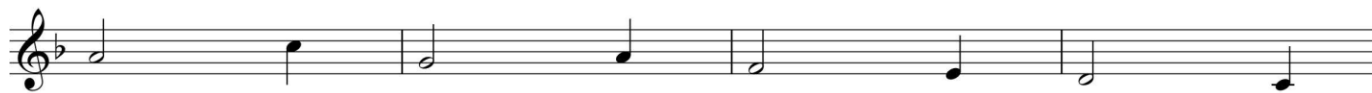
* HYMN "The Summons"



Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 Will you let the blind - ed see hide if I but
 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but



call your name? _____ Will you
 call your name? _____ Will you
 call your name? _____ Will you
 call your name? _____ Will you



go where you don't know and nev - er
 care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 quell the fear in - side and nev - er



be the same? _____ Will you
 be the same? _____ Will you
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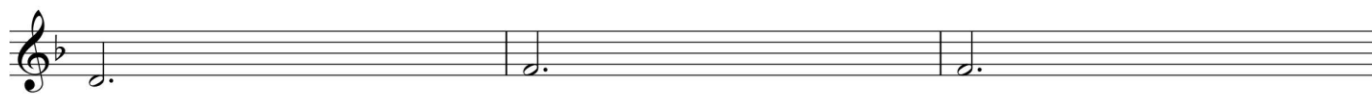
let my love be shown, _____ will you
 risk the hos - tile stare, _____ should your
 kiss the lep - er clean, _____ and do
 use the faith you've found _____ to re -



let my name be known, _____ will you
 life at - tract or scare? _____ Will you
 such as this un - seen, _____ and ad -
 shape the world a - round, _____ through my



let my life be grown in you and
 let me an - swer prayer in you and
 mit to what I prayer in you and
 sight and touch and sound in you and



you in me?
 you in me?
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 you in me?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Lord's Day 42, Q&A 110 & 111, of the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment, "Thou shall not steal"?

A. God not only forbids outright theft and robbery, punishable by law, but in God's sight, theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of God's gifts.

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Into My Heart" (3 times)

***Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lawgiver, we confess as Christians that we have, at times, turned your law and Word into something that constrains life, rather than something that gives it. For some reason, we sometimes read your Word in ways that limit rather than liberate. Your law and Word are not supposed to keep us and others from being fully human and truly flourishing. Forgive us.

We also confess, on behalf of this nation, that we have wielded “the letter of the law” to inflict cruelty, reducing human dignity to a piece of paper we as a country refuse to give. For this, and the many other ways we create laws that harm or enforce laws in harmful ways, forgive us. Teach us as Christians and as citizens the ways of Wisdom and life. 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:

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Vicki Lane

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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 “Let Us Be Known By Our Love”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, may we truly hear your Word today, and then empower us to live it. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 27:1-11 (CEB)

The daughters of Zelophehad, Hepher's son, Gilead's grandson, Machir's great-grandson, and Manasseh's great-great-grandson, belonging to the clan of Manasseh son of Joseph, came forward. His daughters' names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the chiefs, and the entire community at the entrance of the meeting tent and said, "Our father died in the desert. He wasn't part of the community who gathered against the Lord with Korah's community. He died for his own sin, but he had no sons. Why should our father's name be taken away from his clan because he didn't have a son? Give us property among our father's brothers."

Moses brought their case before the Lord. The Lord said to Moses: Zelophehad's daughters are right in what they are saying. By all means, give them property as an inheritance among their father's brothers. Hand over their father's inheritance to them. Speak to the Israelites and say: If a man dies and doesn't have a son, you must hand his inheritance over to his daughters. If he doesn't have a daughter, you will give his inheritance to his brothers. If he doesn't have any brothers, you should give his inheritance to his father's brothers. If his father had no brothers, you should give his inheritance to his nearest relative from his clan. He will take possession of it. This will be a regulation and a case law for the Israelites, as the Lord commanded Moses.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE "The Women Who Changed God's Mind"

***HYMN "All Are Welcome"**



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and true,
 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and wheat:
 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone
 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard



a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
 where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new.
 a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet.
 to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
 and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come

Refrain:



in this place.

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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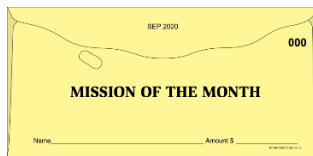
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