

Cubist Landscape (1912) by Diego Rivera

Today's service is one of testimony and song. Pastor Trey has invited two leaders from our congregation to share a testimony, one to write a poem, and others to sing and lead new and familiar songs. Together, these voices and songs invite us to listen for the ways God is at work among us.

Today's service is also a fitting way to end our "A Summer of Psalms" Sermon Series. This summer, we've reflected a lot on piety: the embodied practice of devotion. As we hear stories and songs from those among us, you're invited to wonder: What is God doing in my life, and how is my devotion taking shape?

A Service of Testimony & Song

August 30, 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

Psalm 103:1

"Bless the Lord, O my soul;
All that is within me,
Bless God's holy name!"

PRELUDE "Honey In The Rock"

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 prayground or play on the playground.
- Want to get connected? Contact the church office or visit our website.
- Thanks to all who made our first Congregational Service-Meeting so lovely!

Remember: **Worship will be back inside at 10 AM on September 6th!**



We have accessible facilities.



Large print bulletins are available.



We are a RoomforAll Church!

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 150, the last Psalm

Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the heavens!
We come with songs of praise and hearts ready to worship.

Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God for abundant greatness!
We praise God for all that God has done and all that God is doing among us.

Praise God with the sound of trumpet, with strings and pipes, with tambourine and dance!
Let every voice and every instrument join the song!

We are here to praise the Lord!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*** OPENING HYMN** "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore

BACKGROUND FOR TODAY'S POEM *A note from Michele Braungard*

A couple of weeks ago, a few of us met with Trey after worship to learn a bit more about the Psalms (how they're divided into different categories, why they were written, and how they differ from most other books of the bible). Trey then invited any of us who were interested to try our hand at writing a "psalm". We could either take inspiration from the Psalms, capturing their general essence in a poem of our own, or re-interpret an existing Psalm. I chose to rewrite a lamentation Psalm (13) in a more modern voice.

A POEM A modern rewriting of Psalm 13

Oh God, my Father!
The days are too many since last you paid me any mind,
Since I, "your beloved" became a stranger in your eyes.
How many more shall I walk in a world
Which has no want or need of me?

How many nights must I agonize, restless, trapped in circular thoughts?
By day, anxiety and heartache, my only companions.
How much longer shall those against me
Be the only ones beside me?
Father, I implore you!
Shine your light upon my eyes, before I find myself forever in this darkness!
Before my adversaries have reason to gloat,
Before they can relish in the pain of my surrender.

Oh God, my Father…
Still, I trust in your ever-abiding love;
My heart will find solace in your deliverance and grace,
And I will praise you, Lord,
For you have showered your beloved with abundant mercy and kindness.

TAIZÉ REFRAIN "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

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.

TESTIMONY 1 – A Summer Camp Sermon, Mark Kaercher

This past July, I spent a week as a cabin counselor at Camp Fowler, an experience that brought together three things I love: working with kids, deepening my faith, and being outdoors. Through meals, games, worship, polar bearing, and plenty of camp songs, I experienced a deep sense of joy and community with the campers and other volunteers.

*** A HYMN OF RESPONSE** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH & WORLD – Linda Murphy, Elder

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 "House of The Lord"

TESTIMONY 2 – Becoming A Preaching Elder: A Journey Not A Destination, Donna Davidson

A Preaching Elder is an Elder of a church who has received training, been examined, and is commissioned to preach the Word.

This year, Donna Davidson completed her courses and passed her exams in order to become a Preaching Elder of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie. There will be a commissioning service for her here at church at a date still to be determined.

*** SONG OF RESPONSE** "You Are My All In All"



*** 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.

Worship Team:

Liturgist: **Karen Latta**
Poem: **Michele Braungard**
Testimony 1: **Mark Kaercher**
Testimony 2: **Donna Davidson**
Elder: **Linda Murphy**
Deacon: **Kevin Ingalls**
Music Director: **Ben April**
Soloist: **Brian Rhode**
Sound: **John Lombardo**
Video: **Cameron Kaercher**
Zoom Host: **Deb Desnoyers**
Welcome Host: **Kyrra April**
Coffee Host: **Lou Ann Connelly**

A Note About "Classis Dues"

Along with the restructuring of the RCA, there is no longer a fixed amount for dues based on membership (this used to be called "classis dues"). Rather, the RCA has moved to a more equitable system based on a percentage of a congregation's total annual giving. If you'd still like to contribute specifically towards what CRCC's gives to the denomination, please use the "Other" line on your giving envelopes, or indicate it on your check. Thank you!

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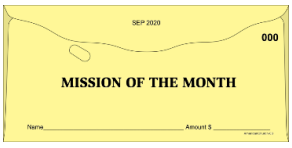
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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus 12:1-14
Tuesday - Psalm 149
Wednesday - Ezekiel 33:7-11
Thursday - Psalm 119:33-40
Friday - Romans 13:8-14
Saturday - Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, God.
Thank you for the invitation to live faithfully today,
walking in your paths, loving my neighbor.
The day is new,
unmarred by missteps or words misspoken,
so, I pause in this newness to remember your commandments,
and to delight in them.
Help me to follow you all through this day.
Keep my feet from stumbling or wandering down other trails
so that I honor you and others in word and deed.
In Christ I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God,
as I have put on Christ in my words and deeds today,
now let me rest in Christ's light and presence
as the evening comes.
Awake or asleep, you watch over me,
and I am grateful you love me so.
I turn my whole heart to you in love,
and my heart is full of love and care for my family and friends
and for all those whom you have made my neighbor.
In the quiet hours of sleep,
mend in me whatever is unresolved from the day now past,
and wake me with the morning light,
and with your grace yet again.
I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory.
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 August, 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.

Offering Envelopes –The envelopes will be placed on the table in the back of the church this Sunday. Please pick up your box of envelopes after worship. You may also contact Lori Cote at crcclori@gmail.com to have them mailed to you or to schedule a time to pick them up.

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#/



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9am LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am			6pm	Worship Committee 6:30pm		9:30am 12pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am 10am		6pm	Season of Creation Service @ Lisha Kill 5:30pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am 10am Stewardship and Creation Care - 11am		6pm	6pm			10am
27	28	29	30	October 1	2	3
10am						12pm

KEY

- Indoor Worship
- Outdoor Worship
- Women's Bible Study
- NEMA
- Bible Handing Down
- Blessing of Backpacks
- Upper Room for All
- Consistory
- Advocacy and Global Missions
- Orchid Society
- Book Group