

SO LET YOUR HEART BE FULLY
DEVOTED TO THE LORD OUR GOD,
AS IT IS THIS DAY, TO WALK IN HIS
STATUTES AND TO KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS."

- 1 KINGS 8:61



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Service –

August 31, 2025
10:00 am

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

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

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.

CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, in life and death we belong to you. In change and consistency, we remain your loving and gifted people called to serve. So, we entrust our future and our hope into your care. We boldly ask for your help when we are confused, lost and afraid. We are eager for your Spirit to lead and guide us with gentleness and encouragement even into the unknown and uncertain. Be present with us and bless the work we do that it may honor and glorify you. Amen.

PRELUDE "O God Beyond All Praising"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Karl Côté

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT "The Risen Christ"

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
We praise you!

You fashioned the earth and all that lives there,
We praise you!

You give breath to the people on it, and Spirit to those who walk on it,
We praise and thank you, O God!

That the eyes of the blind be opened, the broken-hearted be healed,
the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness,
Your kingdom come, O Lord, and your will be done.

So shall we sing a new song of honor and praise, O Lord,
And bless and praise your name for ever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ish'd a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
fire___ of love in our flesh and our bone.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the most high. God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved. God will help it when morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter, God speaks, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations God has brought on the earth. God makes wars cease to the end of the earth. God breaks the bow and shatters the spear and burns the shields with fire. Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Sing Praise” (3 times)

*Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts and your ways are not our ways. You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred, the wings of an angel.

We scan the finest of our neighbors, anxious to find flaws.

You see our lives in the context of eternity, and make time for waiting, for yearning, for putting all things in proportion.

We demand instant results and look for tomorrow before savoring today.

You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save, so you choose to walk the way of the cross.

We feel judged and threatened by that love which risks all for all.

Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

Nor are your ways our ways.

So we pray for your grace and your pardon.

Forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is wasted, and reveal in us what is good.

And nourish us with better food than we could ever purchase: Your Word, Your Love, Your Interest in us, and Your Presence.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huie

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

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 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Today, we are pleased to install Kevin Bottini to the office of Deacon and Vicki Lane to the office of Elder.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

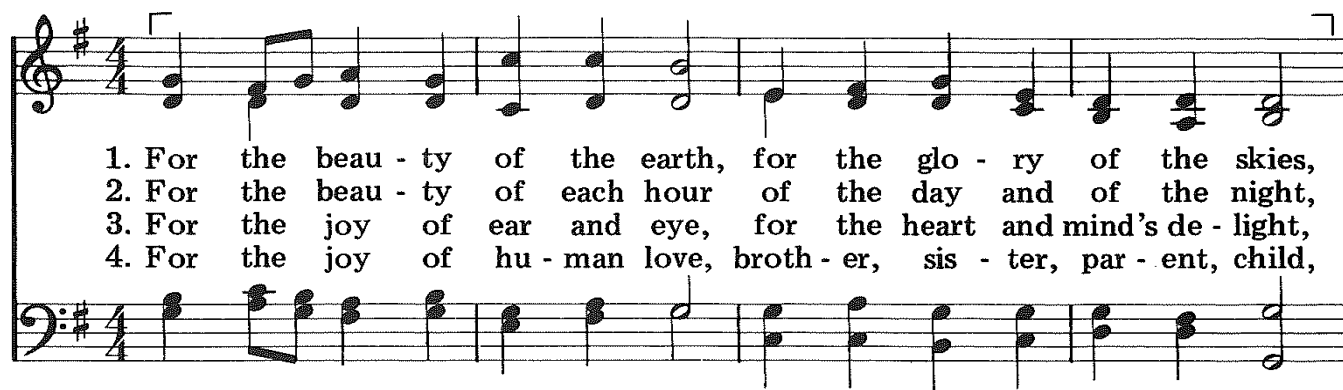
SCRIPTURE LESSON I Kings 8:54-61

Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the Lord, he arose from facing the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven; he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice: "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors. Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

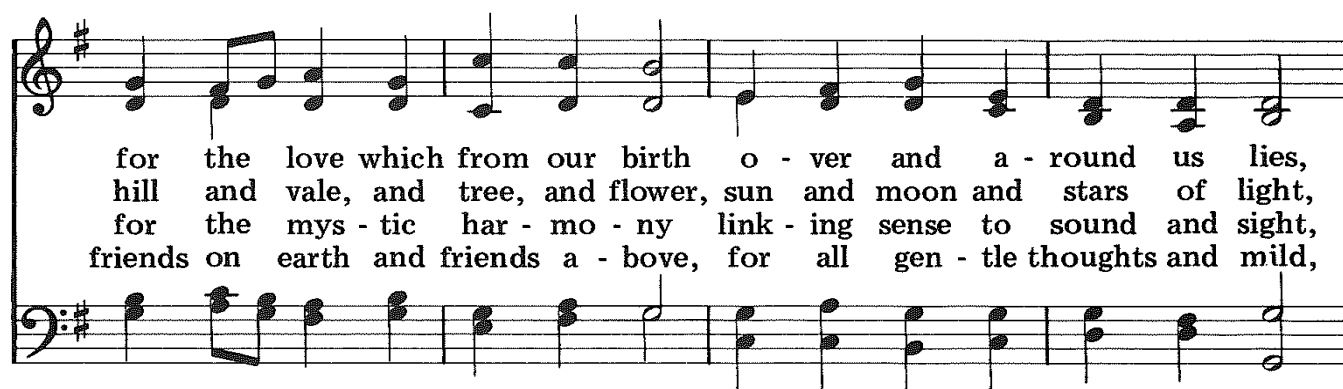
This is the Word of The Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE MORNING MESSAGE "Remembrance, Communion and Hope"

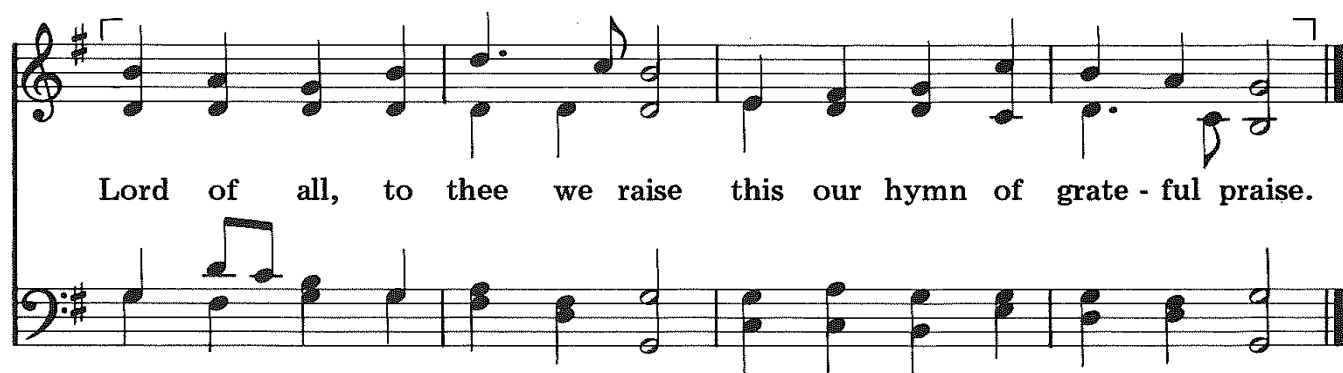
*HYMN 353 "For the Beauty of the Earth"



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

5. For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
 offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

WORDS: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; harm. William H. Monk, 1861

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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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The Irish Blessing

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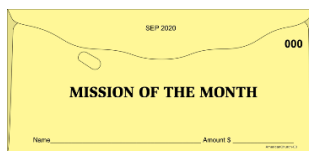
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