



*Trim your Sail and Set your Sight; Chart your course towards his light*  
(1986) by Edie Mae Herrel

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 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.

### **Today we are celebrating Communion**

In the celebration of Communion, all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table. Please hold the elements until all have received them that we may commune together.

That all may celebrate fully and safely, we use gluten free bread.  
All communion cups contain grape juice.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***.

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

## For Contemplation

*Fishers of Men*  
by Alfred Noyes (1920)

Long, long ago, He said,  
He who could wake the dead  
And walk upon the sea-  
*"Come, follow Me.*

Was this, then, what He meant?  
Was this His high intent,  
After two thousand years  
Of blood and tears?

Leave your brown nets and bring  
Only your hearts to sing,  
Only your souls to pray,  
Rise, come away.

God help us, if we fight  
For right and not for might.  
God help us if we seek  
To shield the weak.

Shake out your spirit-sails,  
And brave those wilder gales,  
And I will make you then  
Fishers of men."

Then, though His heaven be far  
From this blind welter of war,  
He'll bless us, on the sea  
From Calvary.

**PRELUDE** "Give Me Jesus"

### **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**PRAYER SHAWLS** - One prayer shawl is for Roger Boisvert, husband of Laurie from the daycare. Roger will be having surgery this week for a health concern. The other is for Bob & Janet Shultes of Glenmont Community Church, which Pastor Trey supervises. Bob has had notable setbacks in his treatments for his different illnesses, and the medical teams are working addressing those issues.

**THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Vicki**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT** "Come Light Our Hearts"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 27 & Matthew 4

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

***Why should we be afraid?***

The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

***What have we to fear?***

Let us shout with joy to God!

***Let us sing and make music before our God.***

For the people who lived in the dark

***have seen a great Light!***

And the Light has come upon those who lived in shadow of death

***and he calls them to follow him and live!***

Let us worship Jesus Christ, our Light and salvation!



\* OPENING SONG "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)



**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**

**FULFILLMENT OF GOD’S LAW**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** – Sarah

**DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD** - Kevin B.

**ANTHEM** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

***God of light, open us to your Word. Give us ears to hear your call,  
and the courage to follow wherever Christ leads. Amen.***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 4:12-23 (CEB)

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,  
the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,  
and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in  
shadow of death.*

From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show

you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

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

**SERMON** “Liberty in Following”

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

### **THE CALL TO COMMUNION**

We have one Lord, one God, one Savior.

***The Holy Spirit makes Christ real to us,  
binding us in one, as we share him together.***

This is something we do eagerly.

***Christ welcomes us here.***

This is something we do seriously.

***For this is the moment of greatest intimacy when we take the  
symbols of the body and blood of the risen Lord.***

This is something we do together.

***I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go into the presence of the Lord”.***

### **SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE** Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

**\* OUR PRAISE TO GOD (THE DOXOLOGY)**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

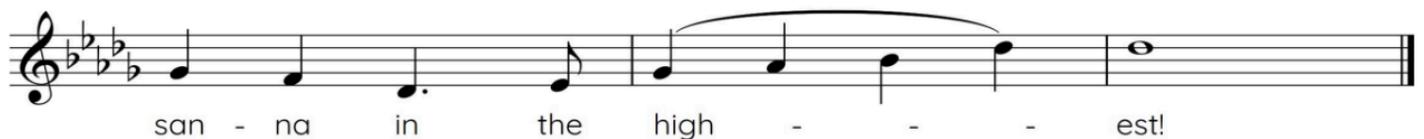
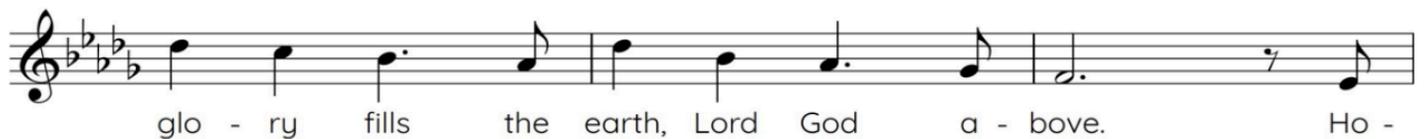
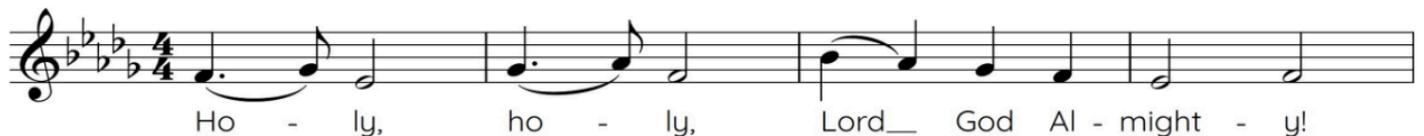
**\* THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your hearts.  
***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

**\* THE PREFACE**

**\* HYMN "Holy Lord"**



# THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE



Come to the feast of the reign of God; we are in-vit - ed to share!\_\_



Make no ex-cus-es, that you can't at-tend, sim-ply come, for your fam-ily is here!\_\_

*For around this table, you will find your family.*



Come not be-cause you have to,\_\_ come not to prove you are saved,



come not to speak, or to hear what's ex - pect - ed, have



cour - age to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ leads!

*And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.*



Come to the feast\_\_ of the reign\_\_ of God;\_\_



we are in - vit - ed to share!\_\_ Bring all your sor - rows and



all of your\_ joy; the bro - ken are all\_\_ wel-come here!\_\_

*For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the broken are molded into a Beloved Community.*

Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!\_\_ Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!\_\_

Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

**"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"**

Glo - ry be to Al might-y God, and glo - ry be\_\_ to the Son,\_\_\_\_

Glo - ry be to the Spir - it,\_\_\_ e - ter - nal three in one!\_\_\_ We

praise your name, we bless your name, we glo - ri - fy your name!

Hope\_ with-out end, love\_ with-out end World with-out

end, oh Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est!

## COMMUNION

### THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.***

God forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

***God redeems your life and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.***

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***The Lord does not always accuse, and does not hold anger forever.***

The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

***As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere the Lord.***

As far as the East is from the West, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

***As a parent has compassion for their children, so the Lord has compassion for all who revere the Lord.***

For God knows how we are made, and remembers that we are but dust.

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.***

\* **HYMN** "The Lord's Prayer"

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name.

Thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our debts, as we for - give our

debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from

e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and thine is the pow - er, and thine is the glo - ry, for

ev - er, for - ev - er, for - ev - er. A -

men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

\* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\* 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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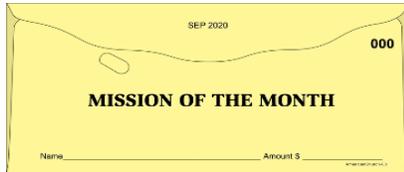
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**A wheelchair is located in the entranceway of the church.**



**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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**February 2, 2026**  
**Will he see his shadow or not?**