*Sorrowing Old Man ('At Eternity's Gate')* (1890) by Vincent van Gogh

# “A Summer of Psalms” Sermon Series: Psalm 37

July 19, 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:

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and
he will give you the desires of your heart.

**PRELUDE** "Great Are You Lord"

**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.
- Our next Summer Fellowship Sunday will be Sunday, July 26th, when we will celebrate CRCC's 60th Anniversary. Invite others, and stay for potluck and fun!

We have accessible facilities.

Large print bulletins are available.

We are a RoomforAll Church!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Based on Psalm 37

Do not fret of evil, or envy the wicked who prosper by injustice.
***We will trust in the Lord so we might do good and dwell here.***

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently.
***For the day is coming when all that is broken will be restored.***

Our hope is not in power or wealth,
***but in the faithfulness of God.***

For the Lord is the refuge of the poor,
the defender of the humble, and
the joy of all who seek him.
***We trust you, Lord, and we will not let***
***the darkness steal our song!***

So come and delight yourselves in the Lord
whose kingdom is drawing near!
***God is faithful! God's kingdom is drawing near!***
***God's justice will prevail, and his mercy will triumph!***
***Hallelujah!***

*** OPENING SONG** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Psalm 37:1-5, then the Taizé refrain…

Psalm 37:6-9, then the Taizé refrain…

Psalm 37:10-11, 39-40, then the Taizé refrain…

**TAIZÉ REFRAIN** "Wait For The Lord" (sing once after each reading)

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.***
***Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.***

**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** – Karl Coté - Elder

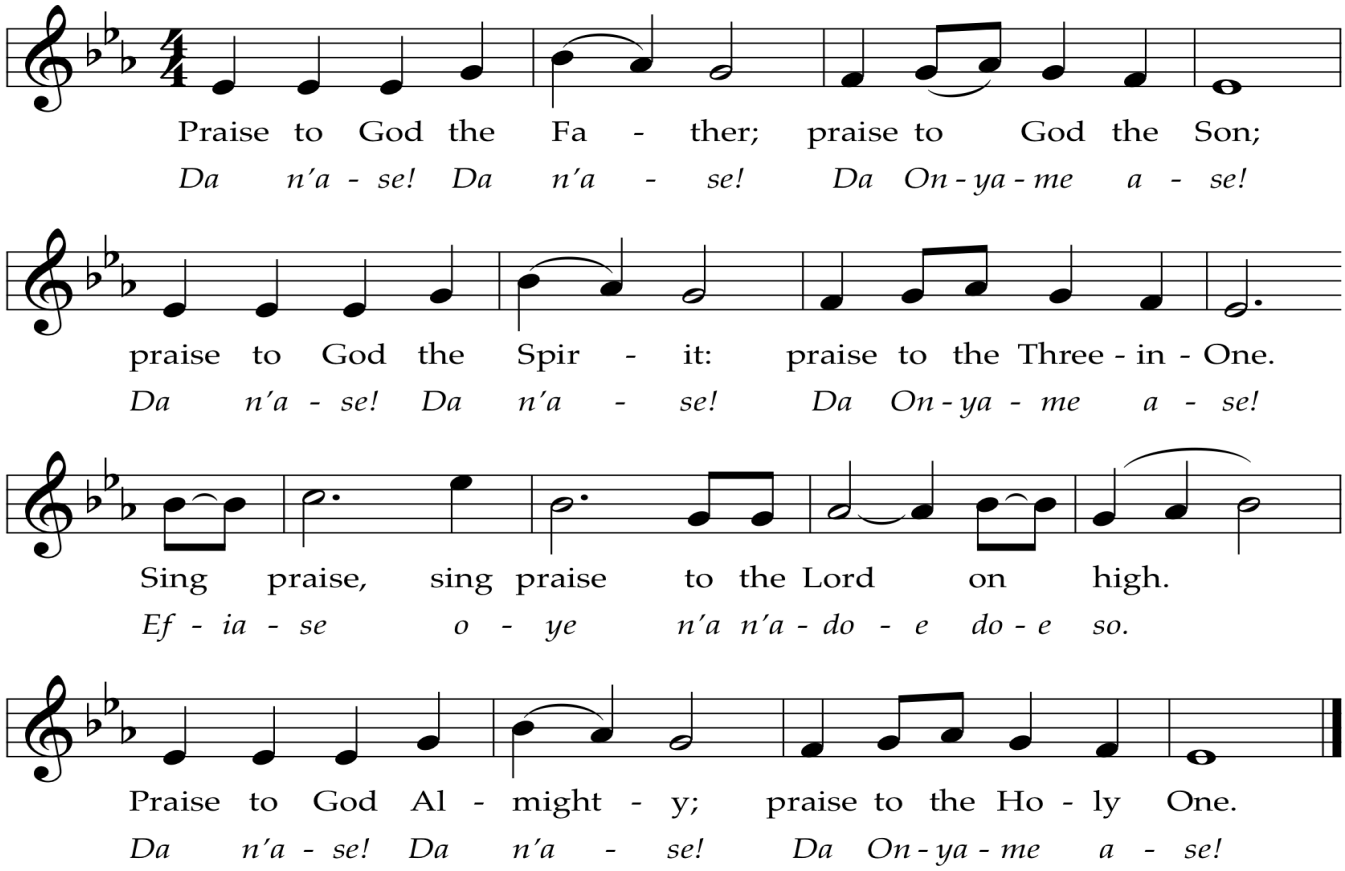
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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** "Praise to God the Father"




**ANTHEM** "Jesus Does"

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Sovereign God, open us to your Word so we might hear your new song and declare your salvation among all peoples. Amen.***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Selections from Psalm 37 (NRSVue)

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON** Psalm 37: Wait and trust while living amongst the wicked?

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The wicked plot against the righteous
and gnash their teeth at them,
but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that their day is coming…

But the wicked perish,
and the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures;
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away…

Our steps are made firm by the Lord
when he delights in our way;
though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand…

Depart from evil, and do good;
so you shall abide forever.
For the Lord loves justice;
he will not forsake his faithful ones…

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom,
and their tongues speak justice.
The law of their God is in their hearts;
their steps do not slip…

Wait for the Lord and keep to his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on the destruction of the wicked.

I have seen the wicked oppressing
and towering like a cedar of Lebanon.
Again I passed by, and they were no more;
though I sought them, they could not be found.

Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
for there is posterity for the peaceable.
But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the posterity of the wicked shall be cut off.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
The Lord helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked and saves them
because they take refuge in him.

*** SONG OF RESPONSE** "Psalm 37 – Day of the Lord"

*Verse 1*

It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed
It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord
Will shine like the sun forevermore
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

*Verse 2*

Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong
Do not let the dark steal your song
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

*Chorus*

It's not long till the Day of the Lord
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!
Everything that is broken will soon be restored!
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

*Verse 3*

Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war
For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor
And our God comes with laughter, let him be your joy
The power of the sword, he'll destroy
It's not long till the Day of the 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.***

## Worship Team:

Minister: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Liturgist: **Pam Izzo**

Elder: **Karl Coté**

Deacon: **Marv Helf**

Music Director: **Ben April**

Sound: **Mike York**

Video: **Cameron Kaercher**

Zoom Host: **Stephanie Wood**

Welcome Host: **Lou Ann Connelly**

Coffee Host: **Lori Coté/Karen Latta**

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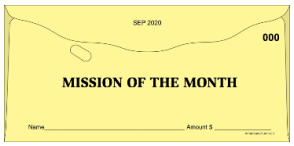

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## Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Genesis 29:15-28
Tuesday - Psalm 128
Wednesday - 1 Kings 3:5-12
Thursday - Psalm 119:129-136
Friday - Romans 8:26-39
Saturday - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Sunday - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## Household Prayer: Morning

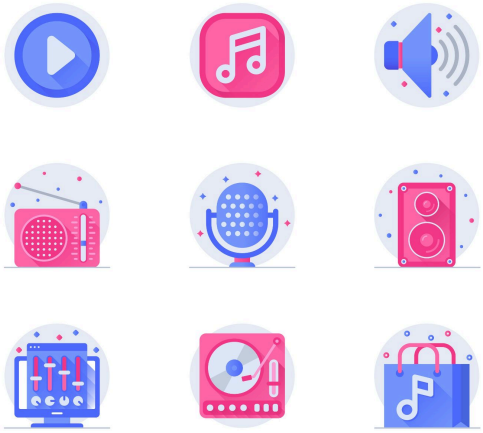
God of daybreak,
thank you for holding me through the night
and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day.
Go with me now as I walk with you.
Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion.
Bless me, break me, and move through me to heal
and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

## Household Prayer: Evening

O God,
tonight, I lay my failures, anxieties,
struggles, and unfinished business at your feet.
Hold me, bless me,
and change me as I rest in you. Amen.

## Learn more about the music for our Psalm Series:

During our "A Summer of Psalms" sermon series, each Sunday's sermon text will be paired with a musical setting of that psalm by Wendell Kimbrough. You're encouraged to listen to these songs throughout the week! They're wonderful companions for personal worship, they'll expand your faith by connecting you to the words of scripture, and they'll help you get more out of the worship services for the summer—so come along and listen! You can find our special-made playlist for this sermon series on our website: www.communityreformedchurch.com



Here's more about "psalm-setting" from Wendell Kimbourgh himself:

"One of my favorite things about songwriting with Scripture is when a passage "unlocks" before my eyes. Often a psalm will at first strike me as opaque, like a box that is sealed shut and whose contents are of unknown relevance to me. Instead of awakening my childlike curiosity, this sometimes brings out the annoyed teenager inside of me who has been dragged along to a church event asking, "Why do I have to be here?"

But then something happens. Sometimes it's a little bit of research on the context of the Scripture passage, or sometimes it's simply the act of leaning in and starting to work with the text and some music. As I begin trying to

rephrase the psalm in my own words, suddenly a key to the locked box appears. The key often seems to be connected to my own emotions; it's the realization that what the psalmist is saying or crying or shouting is something I have experienced as well. Suddenly, the annoyed teenager inside of me feels seen by the text and therefore implicitly known by the God whose Spirit inspired its writing. The box unlocks. Its treasures come forth, and I feel that I am not alone in the universe, that God is with me and cares about my life, my experience, my cries."

# General Announcements

**Venezuela's Earthquake Relief** - Last week, two earthquakes shook Venezuela's densely populated northern states, including the city of Caracas. The quakes have toppled more than 100 buildings and trapped untold thousands of people below the mountains of rubble. Families awaiting search-and-rescue teams have begun digging through the rubble themselves.

Direct Relief maintains emergency medicines commonly requested during earthquake events, including wound care, surgical supplies, antibiotics, field medic packs to equip first responders and search and rescue crews, and more. The organization will continue to respond to requests in the region as they become known.

You may donate by sending a check to the church, made out to Community Reformed Church of Colonie or by using this link, https://www.directrelief.org/emergency/venezuela-earthquakes-2026/

**Weekly Newsletter:** We are well into our transition to a Weekly Newsletter. The Weekly Newsletter has much more content than what is in your Bulletin Announcements and does have new info every week. If you receive the Saturday bulletin, you are also receiving the Weekly Newsletter. Please add crccprogram@250939619.mailchimpapp.com to your contact list, to ensure you never miss an email! Some email platforms are placing it in Spam/Junk. If you aren't seeing it, please contact Sarah Huiest (crccsarah@gmail.com).

**Photographers Needed!** We are looking for individuals who love to take snapshots and preserve the great memories of CRCC! A photography team is being assembled who will attend meetings and events to get some photos for our newsletters and social media posts. All ages are welcome to share their skills! Interested? Contact Sarah Huiest - crccsarah@gmail.com.

**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#/

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The Community Reformed Church of Colonie's

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & POTLUCK

Come celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness, and reconnect with the many people who have been part of CRCC's story!

**26 July 2026** | **Service @ 9 AM**
**Potluck @ 10 AM**

All are welcome! RSVP below:

Bring a chair!

**OR RSVP ONLINE**

Bring a dish or game!

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# July 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 28<br>9am<br>10am<br>Happy Graduation | 29 | 30 | 1<br>6pm | 2 | 3<br>Church and Day Care CLOSED<br>Independence Day Observed | 4 |
| 5<br>9am<br>Psalms summer sermon series BEGINS! | 6 | 7 | 8<br>6pm | 9<br>6pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12<br>9am | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19<br>9am<br>10am | 20 | 21 | 22<br>6pm | 23<br>6pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26<br>9am<br>10am<br>60th Anniversary | 27 | 28<br>6pm | 29<br>6pm | 30 | 31 | August 1 |

**KEY**

- Outdoor Worship
- New York Players Outreach Outing
- Fellowship Sunday
- Bible Study
- Consistory
- Staff Meeting
- Book Group