

“TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS”
“Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus”

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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 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

About the Coin

"The Tiberius denarius, minted early in his reign, showcases the masterful use of coinage as a tool for political messaging. The coin's obverse and reverse each carry a significant message, reinforcing Tiberius' divine connection, imperial power, and the continuation of Augustus' legacy."

PRELUDE "Blessing"

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Vicki Lane

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory,
we come to worship you!

Grant us wisdom.
Grant us courage.
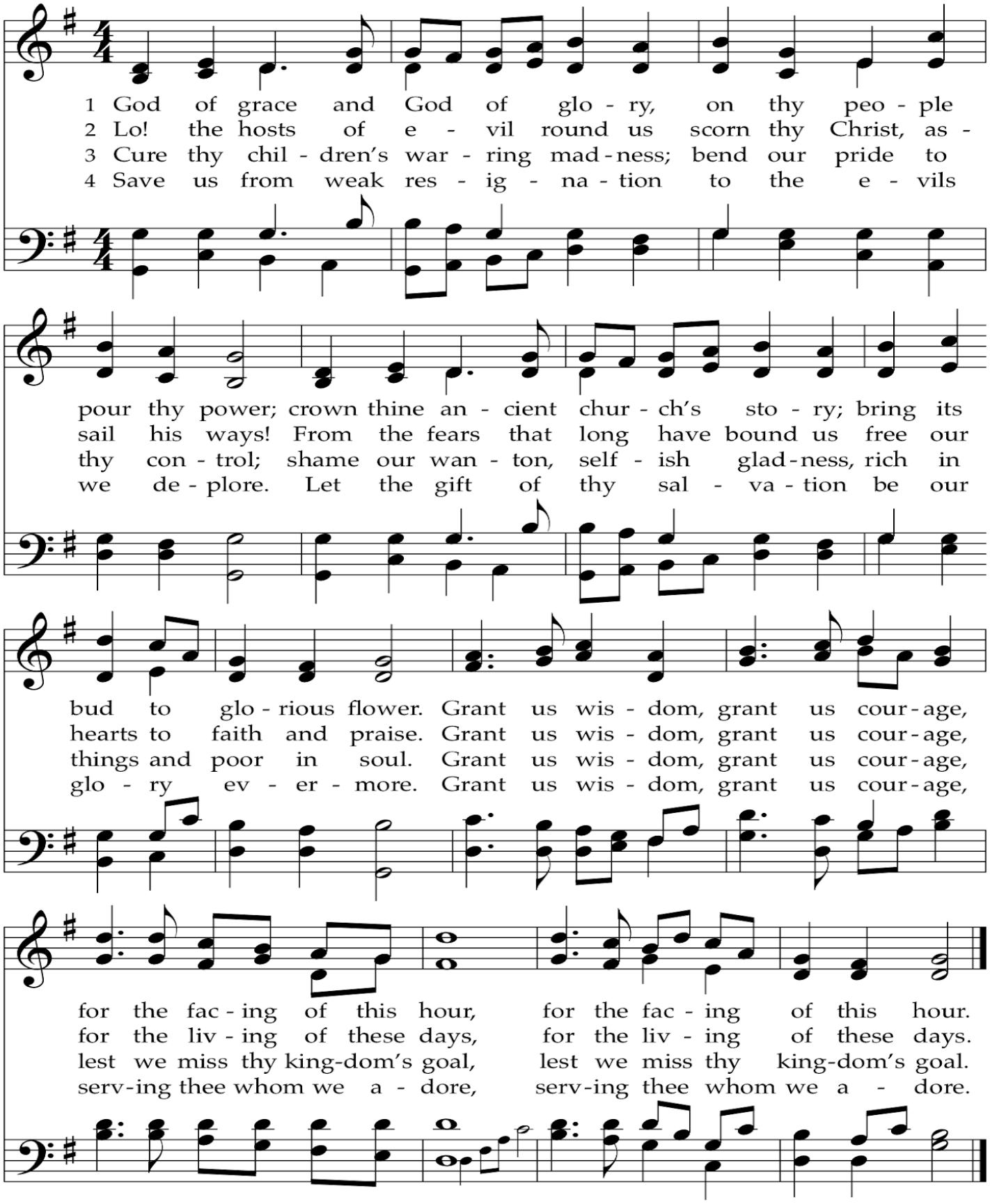
When the powers of this world call for our total allegiance,
remind us that we ultimately belong to you.

Free us from the things we possess,
and the things that try to possess us.

Remind us whose image we bear,
and to whom we belong: Jesus Christ.

Let us worship this God of freedom!
This God of grace and glory!

*** OPENING HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory"
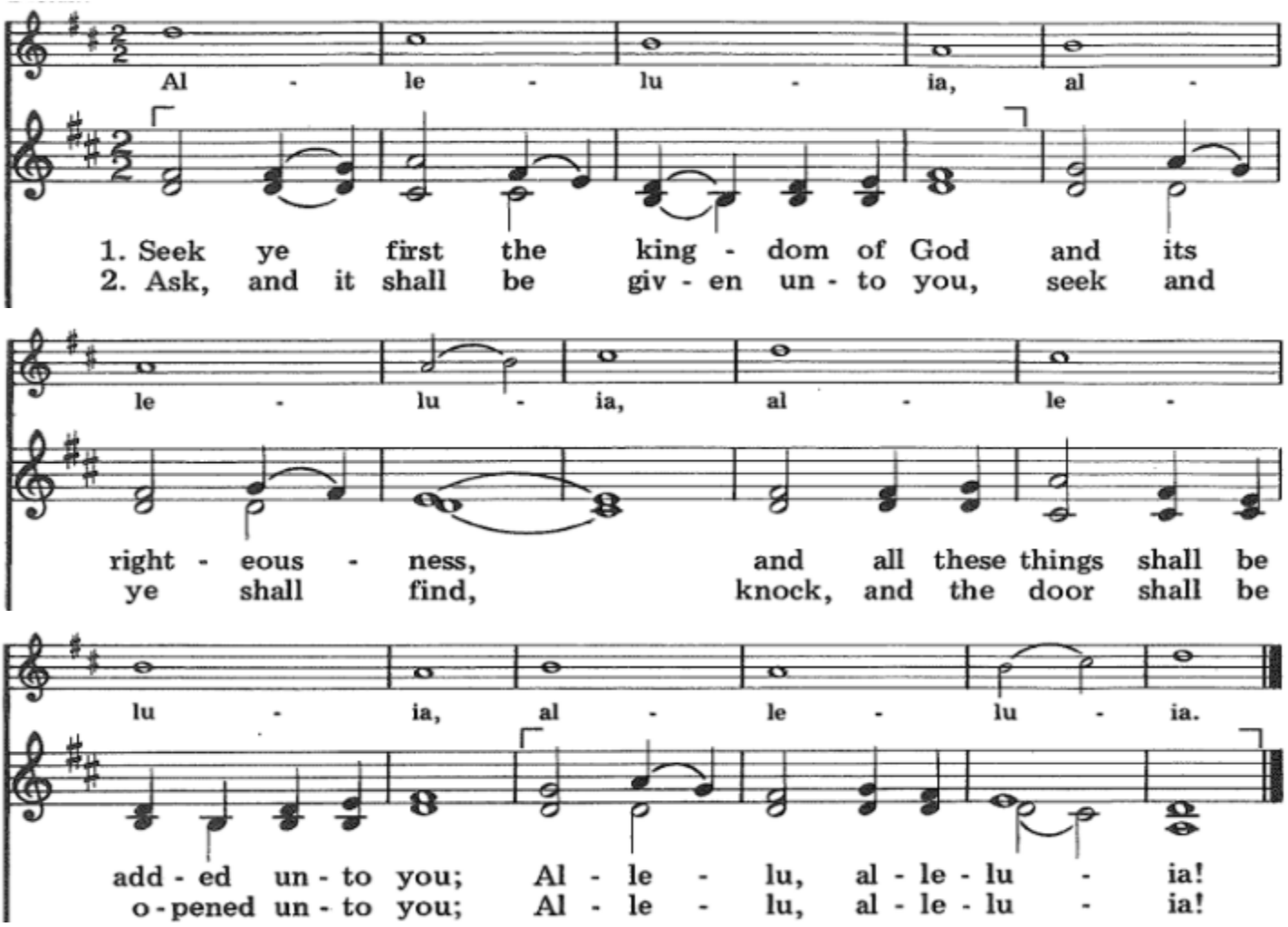


DIALOGUE IN FAITH *Confession of Faith, Article 23: The Church's Relation to Government & Society* (Mennonite Church, USA & Canada)

We believe that the church is God's "holy nation," called to give full allegiance to Christ its head, and to witness to all nations about God's saving love.

The church is the spiritual, social, and political body that gives its allegiance to God alone. As citizens of God's kingdom, we trust in the power of God's love for our defense.

The church knows no geographical boundaries and needs no violence for its protection. The only Christian nation is the church of Jesus Christ, made up of people from every tribe and nation, called to witness to God's glory.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "See Ye First"



CALL TO CONFESSION The Third Use of God's Law[1]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on the Second Commandment

Gracious God, forgive us. We have made idols of what we have made, giving our hearts to money, power, possessions, and status. We have allowed the images of this world to claim our allegiance, forgetting that we bear your image and belong to you.

Turn our hearts again toward you. Teach us to see you where you have promised to be, and to worship you alone. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

GOD'S RESPONSE

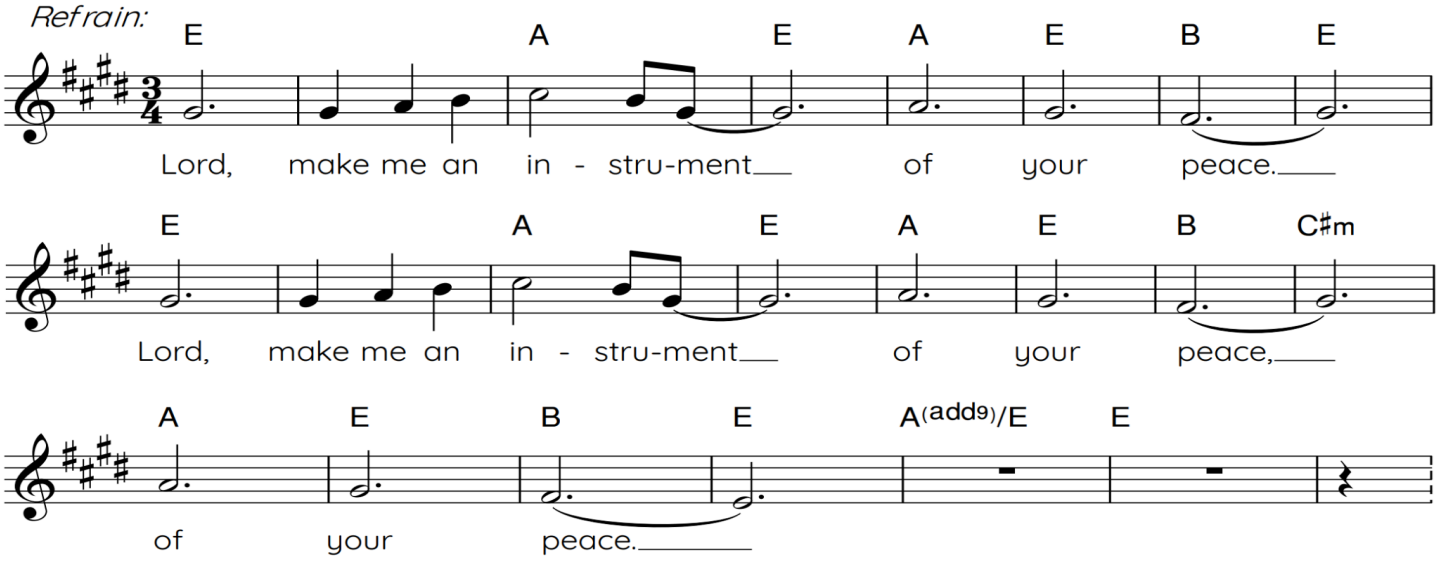
CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Please greet one another with Christ's peace.

REGATHERING SONG "Make Me an Instrument"



[1] In the Reformed Tradition, the "third use of the law" understands God's commandments not simply as rules telling us what to do or not to do, but also as implied invitations to do the inverse. So, "Do not kill" also invites us to seek life and its flourishing in every form. Thus, God's Law can give us a much more full picture of what God wants for the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Karl Coté, special announcement

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Deb Desnoyers

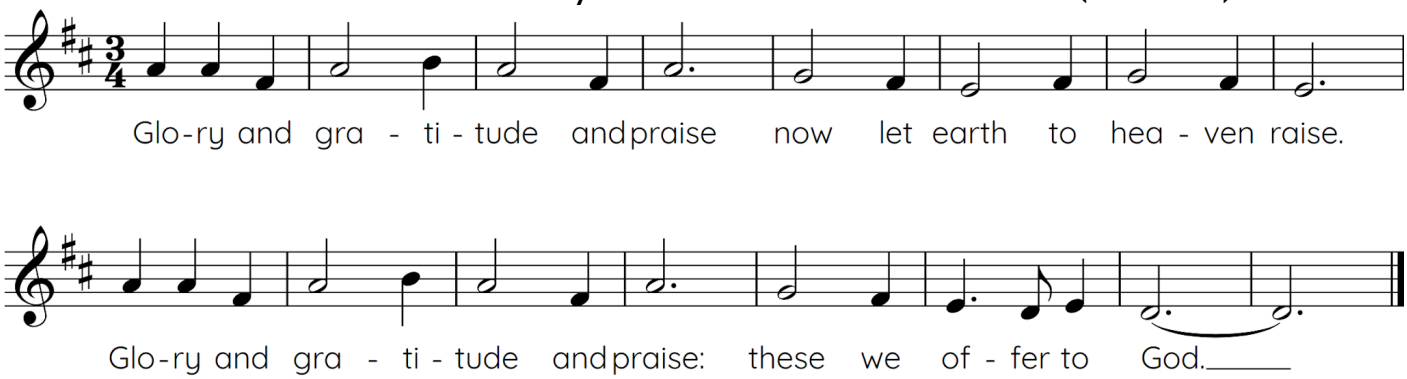
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

You're encouraged to give to the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie via the offering plates or electronically through Zeffy.

*** HARVEST DOXOLOGY** "Glory and Gratitude and Praise" (2 times)





ANTHEM "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Good God, give us ears to hear Jesus' teaching beyond the trap set before him. Through his words, teach us to start discerning what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:15-22 (CEB)

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. "Caesar's," they replied.
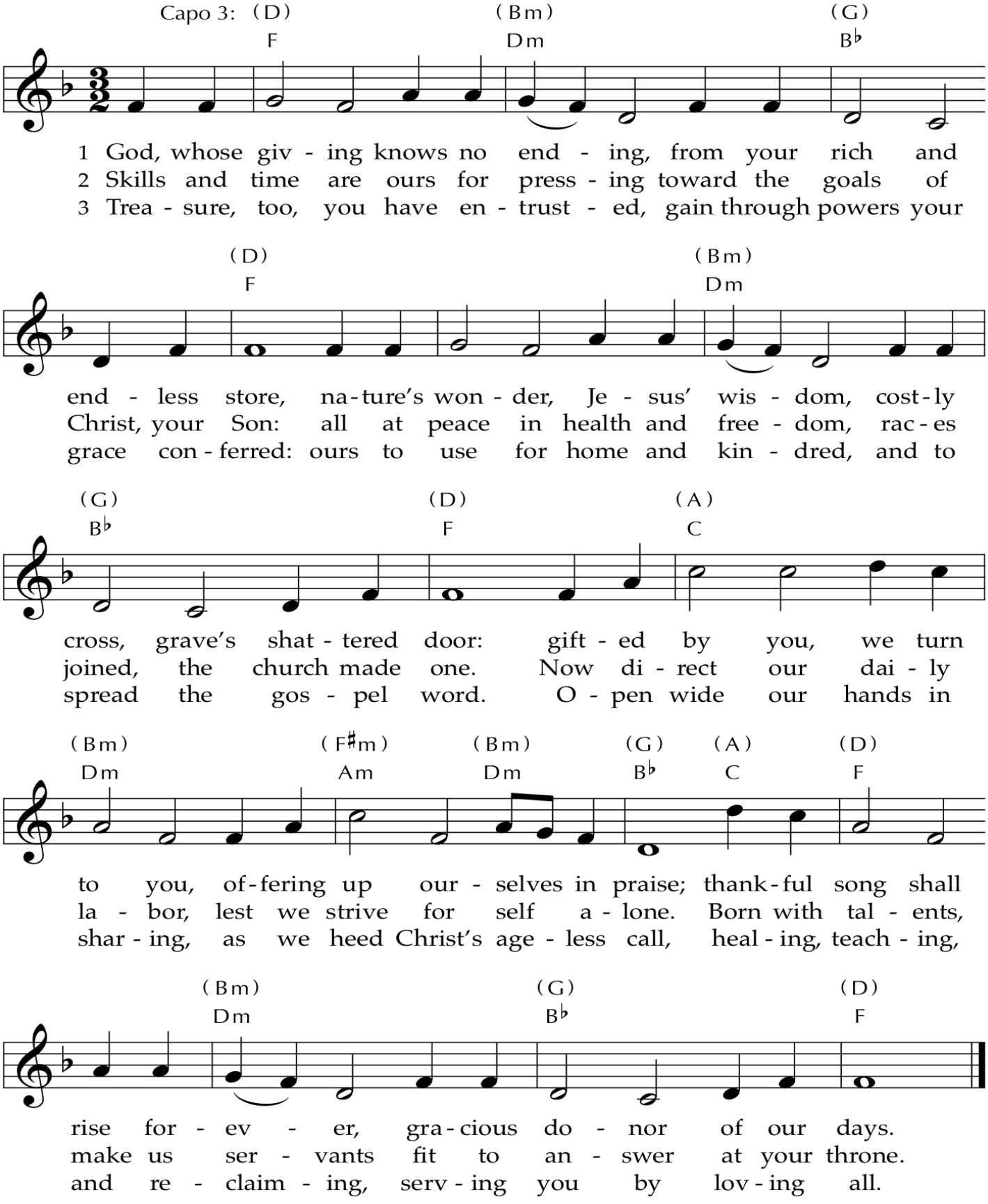
Then Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

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

SERMON "Whose Image? And the Question of Belonging"

Sermon Notes:

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"



*** 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:

Saturday Prep: **Kevin Ingalls**

Preacher: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Liturgist: **Pam Izzo**

Special Announcer(s):
Karl Coté

Musician 1: **Ben April**

Musician 2: **Marv Helf**

Elder: **Vicki Lane**

Deacon: **Deb Desnoyers**

Sunday School: **Sarah Huiest**

Children's Message:
Sarah Huiest

Children in Worship:
Sarah Huiest

Children's Aide:
Violet Braungard

Sound: **Bert Huiest**

Video: **Alex Huiest**

Zoom: **Karen Latta**

Welcome: **Margaret George**

Coffee: **Kyrra April**

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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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&
Sandy Cornwell
crccsandy@gmail.com

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus 33:12-23
Tuesday - Psalm 99
Wednesday - Isaiah 45:1-7
Thursday - Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
Friday - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Saturday - Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

I listen quietly, Lord, and the morning sounds of creation draw me to you. It is then that I hear your voice, "I am pleased with you, and I know you by name." Sometimes it is difficult to fully receive your pleasure in me, to grasp that you are fond of me, even when I have nothing to show for myself. May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

I fold up this day with gratitude,
holding close to my heart
those whose faith helped carry me
through this day.
Amen.

General Announcements

Pledge Confirmation Letters Letters of confirmation for 2026-27 pledges are available on the back table for you to pick up. The letters that are not picked up will be mailed. Thank you for your support of CRCC!

Church Banners - Our sanctuary banners are in good shape but need gentle vacuuming to remove years of accumulated dust and grime. We're looking for volunteers to stay for about an hour **after coffee hour on Oct 11.** Volunteers will work in pairs to clean the banners, with textile conservationist Deborah Trupin demonstrating the proper technique. Suitable vacuums will be on hand.

If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the back table, reply to this email, or contact Lou Ann Connelly, louannconne@nycap.rr.com. Thank you!

The CRCC Quilters - Monday, October 12, 2:00-4:00
The CRCC quilters will meet to work on veterans' quilts for Hospice patients. Please bring your sewing machine and general sewing notions. Fabric and patterns will be supplied. Even if you don't have much sewing experience, you're welcome to come. See Lou Ann Connelly if you need more information.

Church Cleanup Day is October 17. We would like to have you join us for our church cleaning event. The church cleaning will take place after the Asset Walk which is scheduled 9:30am-12:00pm. This year I would like to focus on the Sanctuary, Kitchen, Welcome Way and Bathrooms. The Sanctuary needs a good cleaning and dusting, especially the Alter and Choir loft. I will be moving the Refrigerators in the kitchen so that we can clean and mop these areas that seem to collect large amounts of dust and dirt. So bring your favorite cleaning supplies and join us. Your Church needs you to be involved, please consider donating your time – Yours in Christ, Kevin Ingalls

The Community Outreach Team of Community Reformed Church is seeking volunteers to assist with supplying dinners to the **Overflow Shelter at the First Church**. Use the Sheridan Ave parking lot to drop off meals. The number to call when you arrive is 518-426-1227. The shelter with dinners will be two Mondays a month. Don't worry about delivery; if you are able to have the meal to the church by 5:30, Tina will deliver it for you, please let her know that you will need her to deliver it at least two days before. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Bottini at tinambo85@gmail.com or Vicki Lane at vlane1020@gmail.com. For more information and to sign-up to volunteer, please follow this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-66117483-overflow

Fabric Needed: The South End Children's Cafe in Albany is starting a Sewing Club, and they need fabric! This will be an ongoing need. Donations can be brought directly to them or given to Sarah Huiest. They are also seeking volunteers to assist the children! If you are interested in volunteering or have fabric to deliver, you can contact Tracie at (518) 275-8890. You are also welcome to contact Sarah Huiest with any questions.

Community Outreach Team: For October, we will be collecting Mac-n-Cheese, Hamburger Helper, rice, and other boxed dinner staples. Shelf stable milk is always in need. They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your gifts are most appreciated.

The October Mission of the Month is Unity House in connection with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CDC data reports that on average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the US. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. In recognition of these staggering numbers, the **October Mission of the Month is Unity House.**

Donations to Unity House of Troy can be made via your Offering envelope, Zeffy on the church's website, or directly at https://www.unityhouseny.org/how-to-help/donate/

Prayground: I love to grow our Prayground materials, and am particularly interested in adding more board books with diverse representation in the illustrations. Diverse illustrations help children feel seen, and to grow everyone's worldly understanding. I have created an Amazon Wish List with some books we are interested in. Most are board books, as those are most durable. While this list is on Amazon, I believe strongly in supporting our local bookstores. You are more than welcome to purchase a title (or another you love) from another retailer. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Huiest - and thank you for the support!!
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TDXQ2B2HE92G?ref_=wl_share

On Wednesday, October 21st, from 6:30-7:30PM, CRCC and CCDC will host a Trunk or Treat Event for the Community. We would love to have as many people there as possible.



Sign up and let us know that you and your trunk will be ready to enthusiastically serve the community! Never been to a trunk or treat before? No problem! We are happy to offer ideas and assistance! Questions? Please see Sarah Huiest - crccsarah@gmail.com. Signup Here or on the back table:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADA823A2FACE9-65901183-trunk



We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887124-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/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887132-liturgist#/
  - As a Liturgist one's responsibility is to lead the congregational responses to The Call to Worship, The Responsive Reading and the Prayer of Confession along with other parts of the service as needed.



COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Classis of Albany will gather here on Sunday, **November 15th, at 3 PM** to commission Donna Davidson as a Preaching Elder.

Join us as we celebrate Donna's calling and pray for her as she begins this new chapter of service among us.

All are welcome to share in this joyful occasion!

Christ the King Sunday

The Agape Feast

All are welcome | Nov 22 @ 10 AM

Sign up to bring special items for the feast will be made available soon!



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am 10am	5:30pm					12pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am 10am			Worship Committee 6:30pm			9:30am A Rocha 10am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am 10am Mission in Motion 11am	DayCare Closed 2pm 6:30pm	6pm	6pm	6pm		9:30am Fall Clean Up 9am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am 10am Baptism 10AM	2pm	6pm	6:30pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am 10am Second Hour 11am	5:30pm	6pm	Deacon Meeting 7PM			

KEY

Indoor Worship | Sunday School | Women's Bible Study | Asset Walk | Shirley's Shawls | Sew and Reap Quilters

Upper Room for All | Stewardship and Creation Care | Advocacy and Global Missions | Orchid Society | Book Group | Consistory | Community Outreach