



First Communion Sunday  
**First Communion Candidates**  
**Gabriel Braungard and Aubree Dockal**  
November 9, 2025  
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 the sections in ***bold italics***.

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

## For Contemplation

The sacrament of communion is the defining act of the Christian Church. It was Christ's final act before he went to his death. It was the definitive feature of early Christian worship; it birthed the Church and even the New Testament. Its signs and symbols teach us how God acts and how we are to live. But most importantly in communion, we mysteriously become reassured of our union with Christ and his promises for us, which empowers us to live glorious and excellent lives.

**PRELUDE** "Morning Prayers (Prayer of New Beginnings)"

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ELDER'S PRAYER** – Melody

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT** "One Bread, One Body"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Based on 2 Peter 1:3-10, the *Liturgy* of the Reformed Church in America, and the *Heidelberg Catechism* Q&A #75-76

Come, beloved of God, for Christ has set the table!

***Here, we re-enact what Christ instituted before his death:  
the meal that shapes our faith and nourishes our souls.***

By divine glory, God has given us all that we need for life and godliness.

***In the bread which we break and the cup we bless,  
we are reminded of Christ's promises to us:***

That he will be with us always, even until the end of the age.

***That when we abide in him, we will bear true fruit.***

That in him we are all one body.

***That he will raise us to life, both in this life and the one to come.***

So, we partake in this holy supper today,  
***but eagerly await the great feast of the Lamb.***  
When all things will be made right.  
***When death will be no more and every tear will be wiped away.***

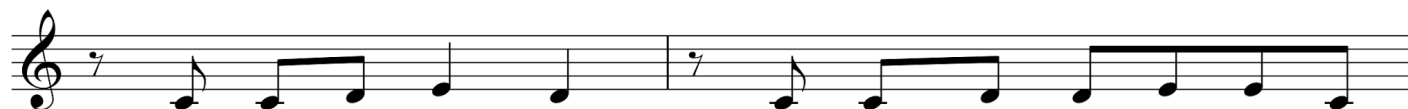
Until that day,  
***we will be strengthened by this meal and Christ's promises,***  
and bear his love into the world,  
***living excellent and glorious lives.***



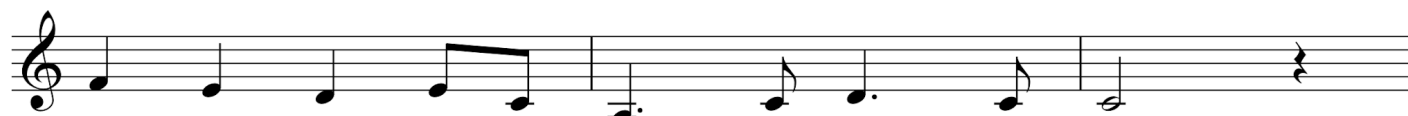
## \* OPENING SONG "Behold the Lamb"



Be - hold the Lamb, who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,  
The bo - dy of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you,  
The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you,  
And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond,



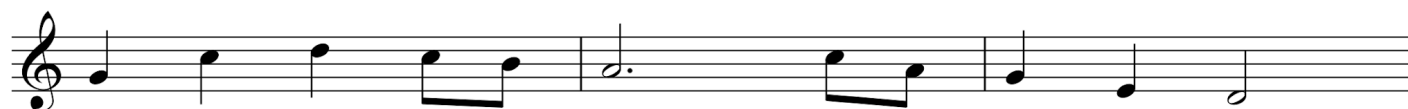
and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made, that all who  
eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal; the death that  
drink and re - mem - ber he drained death's cup, that all may  
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



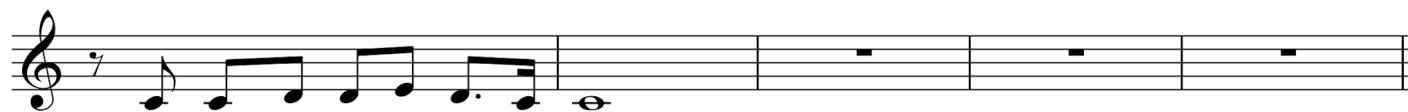
come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.  
steps of Christ as his bod - y here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his  
As we share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will



sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace  
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love  
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace  
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n



a-round the ta - ble of the King.  
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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Gracious God, our daily habits and repeated choices reveal what we truly treasure. We confess we too often seek what leaves us empty and unsatisfied. We do this even when you tell us you will grant us the grace we need for each day.***

***Forgive us, Lord, and feed us at your table. Give us the spiritual nourishment we need, and teach us the ways of life, so we might live them and inspire others to do the same. Amen.***

### TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Eat this Bread” (3 times)

***Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in him and you will not thirst.***

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – “Remembrance, Communion, & Hope” (Trey & Sarah)

### DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv

### 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 “In Christ Alone”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God, we long to share in your divine nature of Love. May your Word help us to do so. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Peter 1:3-10 (CEB)

By his divine power, the Lord has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one who called us by his own honor and glory. Through his honor and glory he has given us his precious and wonderful promises, that you may share the divine nature and escape from the world's immorality that sinful craving produces.

This is why you must make every effort to add moral excellence to your faith; and to moral excellence, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, endurance; and to endurance, godliness; and to godliness, affection for others; and to affection for others, love. If all these are yours and they are growing in you, they'll keep you from becoming inactive and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever lacks these things is shortsighted and blind, forgetting that they were cleansed from their past sins.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, be eager to confirm your call and election. Do this and you will never ever be lost.

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

## SERMON "A Glorious Life"

## 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

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.

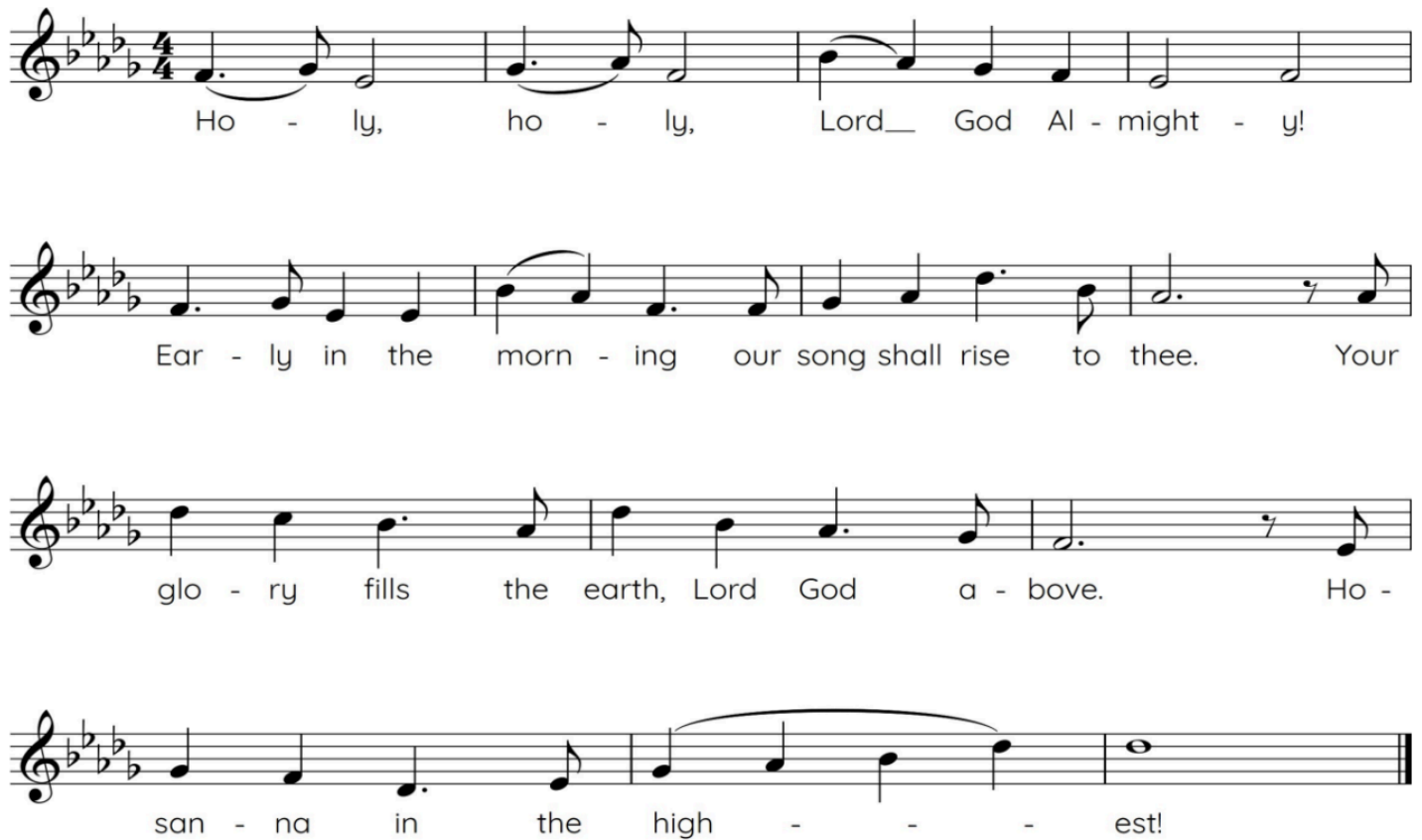
***We lift them to the Lord.***

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

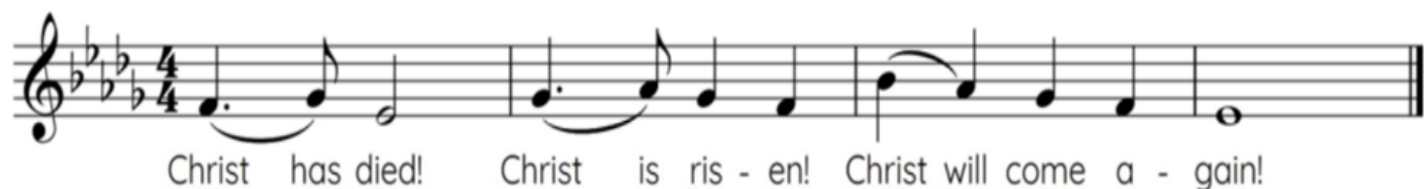


all of your\_ joy; the bro - ken are all\_\_ wel-come here!\_\_

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



## COMMUNION PRAYER



## "GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



## 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 & 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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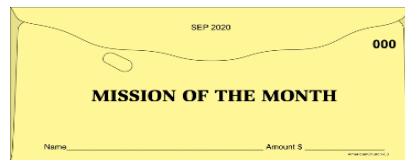
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