



Some of *The Dancing Saints* icons in Saint Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, CA

The Dancing Saints icon is a monumental, surprising, and powerful statement of faith for the ages, created by artist Mark Dukes with the people of St. Gregory's. It was completed in 2009. The icon wraps around the entire church rotunda, showing 90 larger-than-life saints, four animals, stars, moons, suns, and a 12-foot tall dancing Christ leading the dance.

The saints range from traditional figures like King David, Teresa of Avila and Frances of Assisi to perhaps more surprising people like Malcolm X and Anne Frank. They represent musicians, artists, mathematicians, martyrs, scholars, mystics, lovers, prophets and sinners from all times and many faiths and backgrounds. As the congregation dances around the altar, the saints dance above, proclaiming a sweeping, universal vision of God shining through human life.

**“A Summer of Psalms” Sermon Series: Psalm 9**  
**August 16, 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:

“The Lord is known by his acts of justice...  
God will never forget the poor;  
the hope of the afflicted will never die.”

**PRELUDE** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

### 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](http://www.communityreformedchurch.com).
- Children are welcome to be at our playground or play on the playground.
- Want to get connected? Contact the church office or visit our website.
- Come to our final Summer Fellowship Sunday on **August 23rd**, when we’ll gather for a Congregational Service-Meeting and awesome summer BBQ!



We have  
accessible  
facilities.



Large print  
bulletins are  
available.



We are a  
Room for All  
Church!

## CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 9 & our psalm-song “Hope for the Poor”

We will give thanks to you, Lord, with all our heart;

***We will tell of all your wonderful deeds!***

We will be glad and rejoice in you;

***We will sing the praises of your name, O Most High!***

For you are a refuge for the oppressed,

***a stronghold in times of trouble!***

So, we come to you, O God,

***trusting that you will not abandon us.***

Remember those who cry, and do not forget those who suffer.

***Hear our cries, O Lord, and draw near!***

The good news is that

***the needy shall not be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not die!***

Let us worship the God who hears our cries and saves us!

### \* OPENING HYMN “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”



Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on cit - y of our God;  
Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:



On the Rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure\_ re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thist\_ to assuage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur round - ed, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of the poor and forgotten, if we're honest, we're ashamed when we do not have enough. We feel alone in our need, as though our circumstances have made us invisible or forgotten. And when we have plenty, we're tempted to think that our abundance makes us better than those who do not have it.***

***Call us to sing the anthem of the poor—an anthem that sings of who you are and what you are about: You're a refuge for the oppressed, you remember the needy, you hear the cries of those who suffer, and you never forsake those who hope in you. Amen.***

### TAIZÉ REFRAIN "Sing Praises" (3 times)

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

### 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 – Jessica Kaercher - Deacon

### 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 OLD HUNDREDTH**

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

**ANTHEM “King of Kings”**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

***God of the poor, open our hearts so we might hear your Word and  
join in the song. Amen.***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 9 (NIV)**

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

My enemies turn back;  
they stumble and perish before you.  
For you have upheld my right and my cause,  
sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.  
You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;  
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.  
Endless ruin has overtaken my enemies,  
you have uprooted their cities;  
even the memory of them has perished.

The Lord reigns forever;  
he has established his throne for judgment.  
He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.  
The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

For he who avenges blood remembers;  
he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

Lord, see how my enemies persecute me!  
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,  
that I may declare your praises  
in the gates of Daughter Zion,  
and there rejoice in your salvation.

The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;  
their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.  
The Lord is known by his acts of justice;  
the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.  
The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,  
all the nations that forget God.  
But God will never forget the needy;  
the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph;  
let the nations be judged in your presence.  
Strike them with terror, Lord;  
let the nations know they are only mortal.

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

**SERMON** The Poor's Anthem

\* **SONG OF RESPONSE** "Psalm 9 – The Hope of the Poor"

*Verse 1*

***The Lord is a home for all the oppressed  
In times of trouble and need.  
To all who will come and trust in His name,  
A refuge and strength He will be.***

*Chorus*

***The needy will not be forsaken,  
and the hope of the poor will not die;  
For God who is mighty in judgment  
Does not forget their cry!***

Verse 2

***Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;  
My heart cries out to be heard!  
I've no other hope than your gracious love;  
I trust and cling to your word.***

Bridge

***The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has not forsaken us;  
The Lord has heard our cry!***

***So sing out to God who sits on the throne,  
Proclaim his marvelous ways!  
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,  
We offer our lives in praise!***

End

***The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has heard our cry!***

**\* 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: **Vicki Lane**  
Elder: **Karl Coté**  
Deacon: **Jessica Kaercher**  
Music Director: **Ben April**  
Vocalist: **Cameron Carley**  
Sound: **Jerry Kallner**  
Video: **Cameron Kaercher**  
Zoom Host: **Melody York**  
Welcome Host: **Lori Coté**  
Coffee Host: **Lou Ann Connelly**

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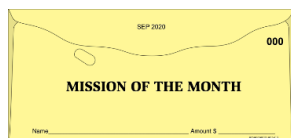
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## **Prayer E-Chain**

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## **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday - Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Tuesday - Psalm 124  
Wednesday - Isaiah 51:1-6  
Thursday - Psalm 138  
Friday - Romans 12:1-8  
Saturday - Matthew 16:13-20  
Sunday - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

Gracious Lord,  
bless me and make your face clear to me  
that I may see your will for my life  
and know the power of your salvation.  
Amen.

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

Merciful God,  
if I have disobeyed your will, show me my fault,  
that I may repent of my offense and receive your forgiveness.  
Grant me rest, secure in the irrevocable gift of your grace,  
And let me arise for the new day alert to your call to follow Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## General Announcements

**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#/>

A photograph of a church interior, likely a sanctuary or fellowship hall, with a wooden floor, a large quilted tapestry on the wall, and a table with a white cloth in the foreground. The text is overlaid on this image.

FIRST ANNUAL

# Congregational Service-Meeting & Summer BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> @ 9 AM

Join us to celebrate the ministry we've shared this ministry-year, get informed, elect new Consistory leaders, and look ahead to the 2026–2027 ministry-year.

Afterward, we'll gather outside for our final Summer Fellowship event: a summer BBQ featuring hamburgers and hot dogs, games and fellowship!

A freewill offering will be accepted at the BBQ to cover its cost. You're encouraged to bring soft beverages for your household. If you'd also like to contribute a side dish or dessert, please see the sign-up sheet.

# AUGUST 2026

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon | Tue                                                                                     | Wed                                                                                     | Thu                                                                                    | Fri | Sat |
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| July 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 27  | 28                                                                                      | 29                                                                                      | 30                                                                                     | 31  | 1   |
|  9am<br> 10am<br> |     |  6pm   |  6pm   |  6pm |     |     |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3   | 4                                                                                       | 5                                                                                       | 6                                                                                      | 7   | 8   |
|  9am                                                                                                                                                                                |     | <b>Worship Committee</b><br>6:30pm                                                      |  6pm   |                                                                                        |     |     |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10  | 11                                                                                      | 12                                                                                      | 13                                                                                     | 14  | 15  |
|  9am<br> 10am                                                                                   |     |                                                                                         |  6pm  |                                                                                        |     |     |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 17  | 18                                                                                      | 19                                                                                      | 20                                                                                     | 21  | 22  |
|  9am                                                                                                                                                                              |     |  6pm |                                                                                         |                                                                                        |     |     |
| 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 24  | 25                                                                                      | 26                                                                                      | 27                                                                                     | 28  | 29  |
|  9am<br><b>Indoor Worship</b><br><b>Congregational Mtg.</b><br><br><b>BBQ after worship</b>    |     |                                                                                         |  6pm |                                                                                        |     |     |
| 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 31  | September 1                                                                             | 2                                                                                       | 3                                                                                      | 4   | 5   |
|  9am<br><b>LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b>                                                                                                                                               |     |                                                                                         |                                                                                         |                                                                                        |     |     |

## KEY

 Indoor Worship

 Bible Study

 Outdoor Worship

 Consistory



Joe's Boys Outreach Outing

 Second Hour Psalm Writing



Fellowship Sunday

 Book Group