



Sixteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Order of Service –  
September 28, 2025  
10:00 am

## For Contemplation

These days there is a lot of poverty in the world, and that's a scandal when we have so many riches and resources to give to everyone. We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer. - Pope Francis

## *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 worshipping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

**PRELUDE** “Let Us Be Known By Our Love”

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**THE ELDER’S PRAYER** – Karl Côté

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**INTROIT** “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my fortress; my God,  
in whom I trust.**

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry,  
sets the prisoners free,  
opens the eyes of the blind,  
lifts up those who are bowed down,  
watches over those who are estranged,  
and upholds the orphan and the widow.

**The Lord loves the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked  
leads to destruction.**

Come, people of God,  
**let us pursue righteousness, godliness,  
faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.  
Let all generations praise the Lord!**

# \* HYMN "Gather Us In"



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
now is the King-dom and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
"Accra Confession" )

*We believe that God calls us to hear  
the cries of the poor and the groans of creation  
and to follow the public mission of Jesus Christ,  
who came so that all may have life and have it in fullness.*

*Jesus brings justice to the oppressed  
and gives bread to the hungry;  
he frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;  
he supports and protects the downtrodden, the stranger,  
the orphans and the widows.*

*Therefore we reject any church practice or teaching  
which excludes the poor and care for creation in its mission;  
giving comfort to those who come to "steal, kill and destroy"  
rather than following the "Good Shepherd"  
who has come for life for all.*

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful  
In the Lord I will rejoice.  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God of compassion and righteousness,  
you lift up the lowly and feed the hungry;  
yet we esteem the high and the mighty.  
You see and serve the poor;  
yet we pursue and protect wealth.  
You call for trust in your final faithfulness;  
yet we focus on a firm financial future now.*

*God of truth and grace,  
illumine our misguided perspectives.  
Forgive our arrogance and selfishness.  
Free us from fearfulness and miserliness.  
Transform our hearts so that we may  
do good, be generous and ready to share,  
seeking and witnessing to your kingdom,  
a world made otherwise for the flourishing of all,  
announced and actualized in Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

#### TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In God Alone" (3 times)

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
In God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
Find its rest and peace.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Without regard for the cost,  
the unceasing love of God  
is poured out in Jesus  
through the power of the Spirit.  
This is good news!  
*In Christ we are forgiven!*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

#### DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica Kaercher

#### 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 “Veni Sancte Spiritus”**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 58:6-9a

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they

will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

## 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** “Ready to Share”



\*HYMN 669 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

# 669 God of Grace and God of Glory

*And who knows but that you have come . . . for such a time as this? Es. 4:14*

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
 3. Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us— free our  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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## 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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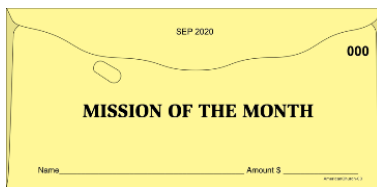
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