



*Woman, Why Weepest Thou?* (1893) by Fritz von Uhde

Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026 | 10:00 AM

On behalf of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who rose from the dead! My prayer is that you leave our service with a renewed sense of hope in the living Christ.

For services like today, I like to share a reflection about the life of our church:

Since Christmas Eve, we have journeyed together, both with sorrow and joy, mourning loss and hardship while also worshiping in new and familiar ways. We've also studied scripture, shared meals together, and even sorted produce. And today, we officially welcome more new members to CRCC—praise God!

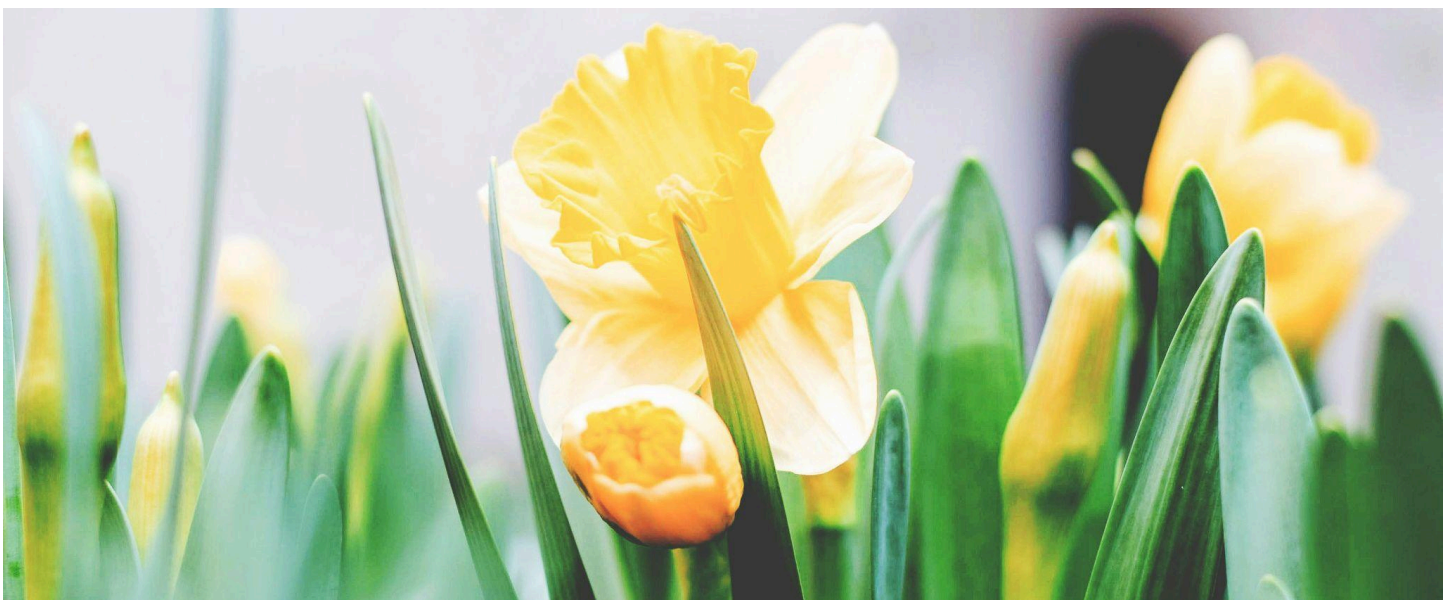
In the Eastertide weeks ahead, our worship will center on hope and new life, culminating in our Pentecost service on May 24, which will also serve as our final indoor worship service before we return to our summer tradition of worshipping outdoors in the shade and from our cars at 9:00 AM on May 31.

Throughout the summer, we'll also have some summer fun! We're hoping to have special activities and moments of fellowship—so keep an eye out for it!

Easter reminds us that new life is always possible. So, if you're looking for a place to belong, consider this your invitation. We are a community seeking to be defined by Easter hope. We wrestle with faith, we care for one another, and we strive to lovingly follow Jesus in this world. There's a place for you here.

Whatever brings you here today and wherever your journey leads tomorrow, may you know the power of sacrificial love and the new life that hope brings.

Happy Easter — Rev. Trey Tirpak



# The Community Reformed Church of Colonie



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Care Team Collections  
Missions of the Month  
Prayer Chain  
Meals for Homeless Shelter  
Marching in Pride Parade



## CREATION CARE

We honor God's creation by striving to use sustainable practices and learning how to be better stewards of the Earth.

Our mission is to  
"Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Matthew 22:37-40



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sanctuary Worship with  
Music 10:00 AM  
Live on Zoom  
Recordings on YouTube

Outdoor Worship 9:00 AM  
*After Memorial Day  
through Labor Day*

## FOR CHILDREN

**Sunday School: 9:00-9:30 AM**  
Classes for Children Pre-K-12th grade  
**Nursery: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
Childcare for infants-4 years old  
**Family Ministries: Monthly**  
Fun faith building activities for the whole family  
**Youth Group: Monthly**  
Community Service for grades 6-12th  
**Confirmation Class**  
**Children at the Lord's Table**



## FOR ADULTS

Bible Study Groups  
Sew and Reap Quilting Group  
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Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***.

\* = Please rise in body or in spirit.

**PRELUDE** “I Love You Lord/I Exalt Thee”

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**THE SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION**

**SOLO** “Were You There”

**THE CROSS & THE SHROUD**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed!***

**THE STONE**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed!***

**THE FRAGRANT OIL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed!***

**THE BREAD & THE WINE**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed!***

**\* THE EASTER MYSTERY**

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday,

***and all those days of our lives like them,***

We believed faith was futile.

We acted like hope was naive.

We felt love was not powerful enough.

We thought the good story had a bad ending.

***But we were wrong!***


***The story has just begun!***

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed!***

\* **THE CHRIST CANDLE** “Celtic Alleluia” (solo once, then congregations sings twice)

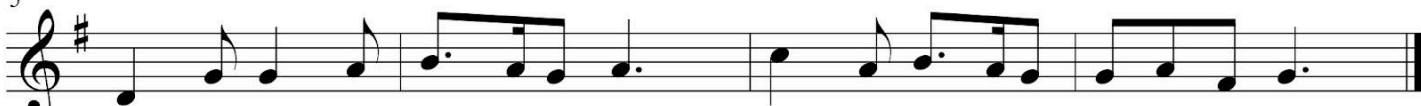
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AL - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia!

G D Am D G C G

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**THE ELDER’S EASTER PRAYER:** Linda

**A TRINITARIAN PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Glory to you, God our heavenly Father!

***For on this day, you won victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us new life.***

Glory to you, O Christ!

***For us and our salvation you overcame death,  
and offer us abundant life.***

Glory to you, O Spirit!

***For you were the One who raised Christ from the dead,  
and you are the One who brings that same life to us.***

Bless you, Triune God—fount of life! We praise you!

\* HYMN "Christ The Lord Risen Today"

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* (said by Christians for millennia on Easter)

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;***

***And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**TAIZÉ MEDITATION** “Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord” (3 times)

***Sing praise and bless the Lord.  
Sing praise and bless the Lord.  
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

**NEW MEMBERS JOIN**

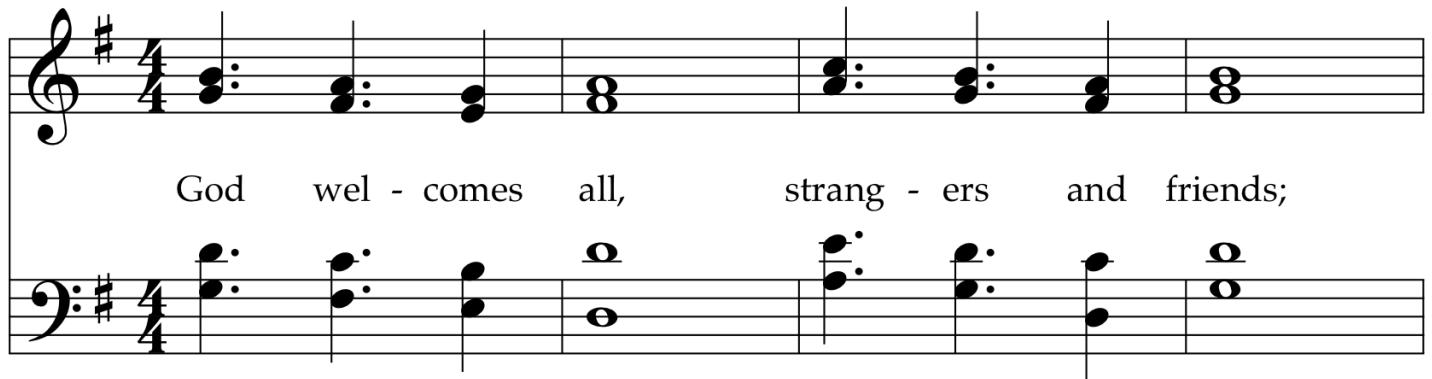
PRESENTATION

\* PROFESSION

\* BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

\* WELCOME

\* **SONG OF WELCOME** “God Welcomes All” (three times)



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

**PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!

***And also with you!***

Please rise and greet one another with Christ's peace.

You're encouraged to embrace, shake hands, or give the Orthodox sign of Christ's peace, greeting both those in-person and online. To make the sign, touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger.

When the music starts to play, the children are invited to come forward for the children's message.



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Vicki

## DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD: Kevin

### 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 invited to participate in the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie by giving through the offering plates as they come by, placing your gift in the box at the back, or using Zeffy on our website.

### \* 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** "He Calls Me By My Name"

Words written by Michele Braungard  
Music composed by Ben April

The stone removed, an empty tomb.  
Strips of linen, silent room.  
Emotions frayed; confused, dismayed,  
Even in death, our Lord, betrayed!

A man appears before I leave,  
He asks for whom I weep and grieve?  
Know not this man, or what to say,  
Sir, they took my Lord away!

And then he calls me by my name!  
This man, my Lord, one and the same!  
My eyes are open, now I see,  
That he was always here with me.

The stone removed, an empty tomb.  
Strips of linen, silent room.  
Christ is risen, rest-assured!  
Now it is mine to spread the Word!

And then he calls me by my name!  
This man, my Lord, one and the same!  
My eyes are open, now I see,  
That he was always here with me.

And then he calls me by my name!  
This man, my Lord, one and the same!  
Darkness dispelled, I have new sight.  
Messiah's risen, all is light!

His time for earthly bonds is done.  
Praise God! Eternal Three in One!  
His mortal life is passed,  
Leave of this realm approaches fast  
Christ reigns eternal, at long last!

And then he calls me by my name!  
This man, my Lord, one and the same!  
My eyes are opened, now I see,  
That He was always here with me.

And then he calls me by my name!  
This man, my Lord, one and the same!  
Darkness dispelled, I have new sight.  
Alleluia, all is light!  
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Alleluia, all is light!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. May the Spirit breathe resurrection life into us as we receive your Word today. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-18 (CEB)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**SERMON** Despair and living in the real world.

\* **SENDING HYMN** "Go To The World!"



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

\* **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

Worship Leader  
**Rev. Trey Tirpak**

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**Linda Murphy**

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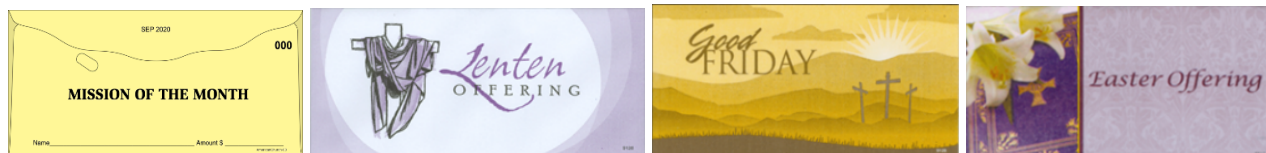
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**April Special Offering Envelopes –**



**Offerings/Pledges**

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**Mission of the Month**

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**Puzzle Capital Campaign**

**Each puzzle piece is a \$50 donation**

These gifts help pay the church's debt incurred from the roof repair.

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**General Giving**

A general catchment fund for things outside of the other funds, e.g., flowers for Christmas or Easter, donations in honor of someone, building/grounds initiatives, etc.

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# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 3  
AFTER WORSHIP - NOON



This will be a time to learn about the restructuring of the Reformed Church, the Northeastern Middle Assembly, and what that all means for CRCC.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie is a **Room for All (RfA)** congregation. Room for All congregations affirm and welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning individuals, and their families into our lives and the full life of the church. As an RfA congregation, we are committed to working with Reformed Church in America churches nationwide to reform denominational policies to allow full inclusion and to celebrate the diversity of all who worship our Lord. Christ's door remains open here and there is "room for all."



**A sign-up sheet for CD copies of this morning's service is located on the back table.**



**Large print bulletins are available on request.**



**Our sanctuary is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask the elder or deacon for a receiver.**



**A wheelchair is located in the entranceway of the church.**



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## **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday – Acts 2:14, 22-28

Tuesday – Acts 2:29-32

Wednesday – Psalm 16

Thursday – 1 Peter 1:3-9

Friday – John 20:19-23

Saturday – John 20:24-31

Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection.

As I sing “alleluia” with my voice,  
let my life embody “alleluia” as a testimony to your love  
and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

Lord, the days of sadness are over,  
for you have risen from the dead.

As you conquered the grave,  
free your servant from fear of harm or death,  
that I may rest in peace this night  
and in the morning rise to sing “alleluia.” Amen.



