

Festival of Lights (1991) by John August Swanson

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 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 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 aloud what is in ***bold italics***.
* - Please rise in body or in spirit

For Contemplation

Souls gravitate towards light
Yearning to embrace the brightness
Like rising tides on a moonlit night

EPIPHANY by Swaliba Asiya

PRELUDE "Your Love, Oh Lord"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE PRAYER Shawl this morning is in celebration of Evelina Catherine, newly born daughter of Sabrina Viscusi

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Vicki

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Come Light Our Hearts”

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God said,
“Let there be light,” and there was light.

When Moses glimpsed the glory of the Lord through a crack in a boulder,
his face shone so brightly that the people were afraid.

Isaiah foretold of a light that would rise for those living in darkness,
and a savior who would be “light to the nations,” bringing salvation to the ends of the earth.

During the Feast of Tabernacles as the candelabras lit up the Temple,
Christ proclaimed, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

And so, the Apostle Peter reminds us that we are a called people—
called out of darkness and into Christ’s marvelous light.

Let us raise our hearts and voices to worship the God who is Light!



* OPENING SONG “You Are My All in All”



4/4 time, treble clef, key signature of one flat. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I
Tak-ing my sin, my cross, my shame, ris-ing a - gain I bless your



4/4 time, treble clef, key signature of one flat. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

seek. You are my all in all.
name, you are my all in all.

Seek-ing you as a pre-cious
When I fall down you pick me



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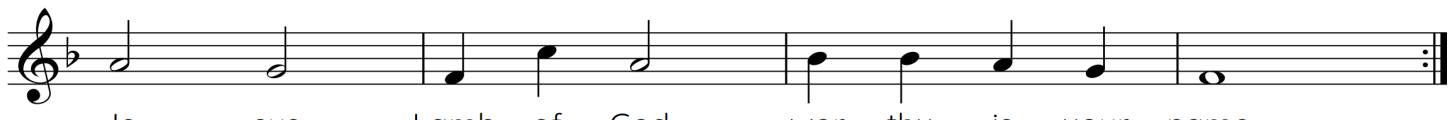
jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Refrain (sing 2x after each verse)



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Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.



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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Our World Belongs to God §41*

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

EPIPHANY PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Send Out Your Light” (3 times)



Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.



Then let them lead me to the place where you re - side.

CALL TO CONFSSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on prayer from the Presbyterian Church in Canada

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we do not strive for peace; we even try to silence cries for justice—all these things because it would mean we would have to change how we live.

Forgive us, and, like at the dawn of creation when you spoke light into being, create in us new hearts—hearts radiant with the light of Christ so that in the darkness we might shine as a light for others. By your Spirit, make us into children of the light.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Holy Spirit, Come To Us” (3 times)

***Holy Spirit, come to us,
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit come to us.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Marv

ANTHEM “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light, awaken our hearts and shine through us, that we may carry your radiance to those dwelling in darkness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-6 (CEB)

Listen to me, coastlands;
pay attention, peoples far away.

The Lord called me before my birth,
called my name when I was in my mother’s womb.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of God’s own hand.
He made me a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in God’s quiver,
saying to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I show my glory.”

But I said, “I have wearied myself in vain.
I have used up my strength for nothing.”
Nevertheless, the Lord will grant me justice;
my reward is with my God.

And now the Lord has decided—
the one who formed me from the womb as his servant—
to restore Jacob to God,
so that Israel might return to him.
Moreover, I’m honored in the Lord’s eyes;
my God has become my strength.

He said: It is not enough, since you are my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the survivors of Israel.
Hence, I will also appoint you as light to the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

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

SERMON “Light to the Nations”

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace.

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.

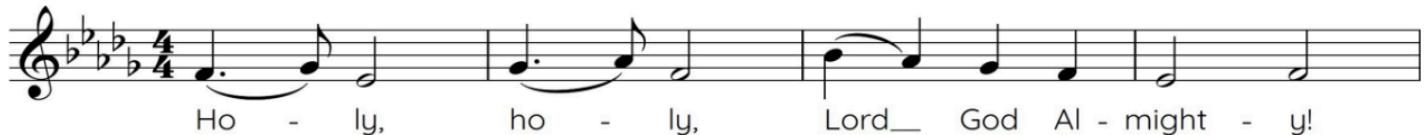
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

* THE PREFACE

* HYMN “Holy Lord”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord__ God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Your



glo - ry fills the earth, Lord God a - bove. Ho -



san - na in the high - - - est!

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT



INVITATION TO THE TABLE



Come to the feast of the reign of God; we are invited to share!__

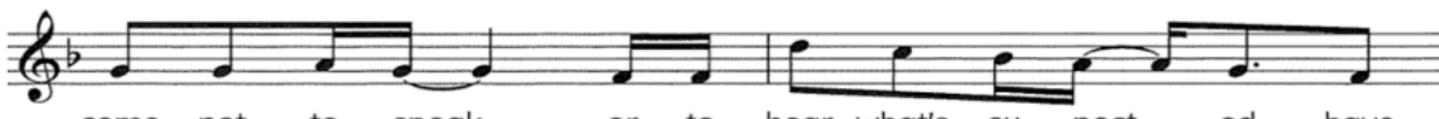


Make no excuses, that you can't attend, simply come, for your family is here!__

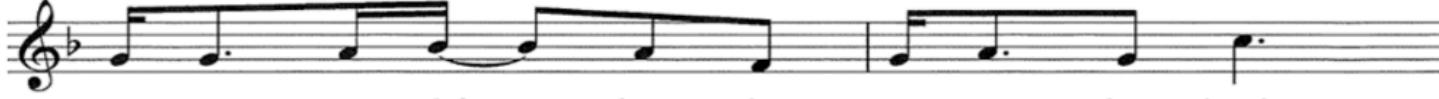
For around this table, you will find your family.



Come not because you have to, come not to prove you are saved,

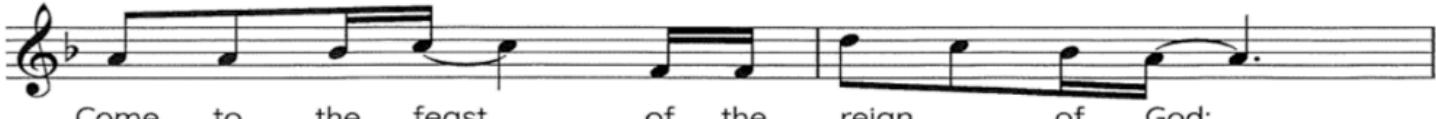


come not to speak, or to hear what's expected, have

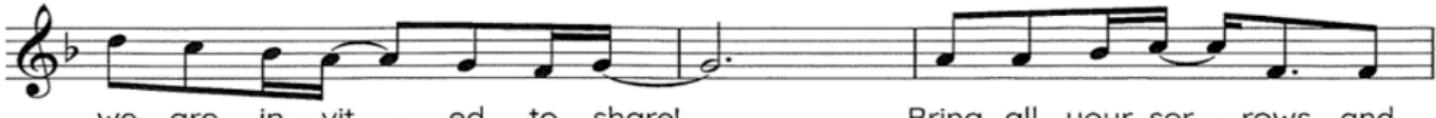


courage to follow - low where - ever Christ leads!

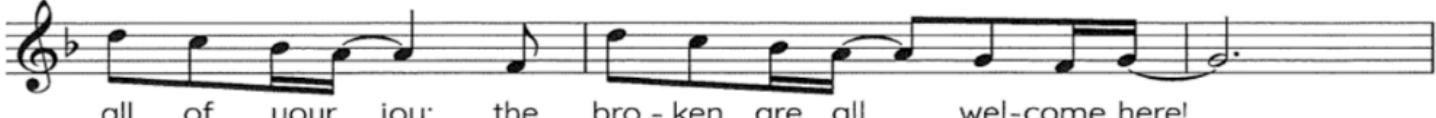
And be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.



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Bring all your sorrows and



all of your joy; the broken are all welcome here!__

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

Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!
Come, for the ta - ble is read-y!

Come for the ta - ble is read-y to of - fer new life!

COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"

Glo - ry be to Al might-y God, and glo-ry be to the Son,___

Glo - ry be to the Spir - it,___ e - ter-nal three in one!___ We

praise your name, we bless your name, we glo - ri - fy your name!

Hope_ with-out end, love_ with-out end World with-out

end, oh Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

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.

* 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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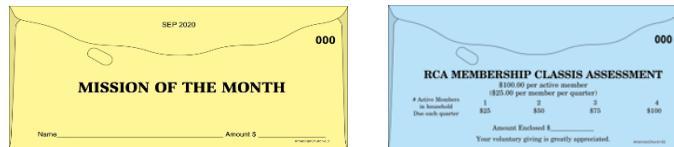
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