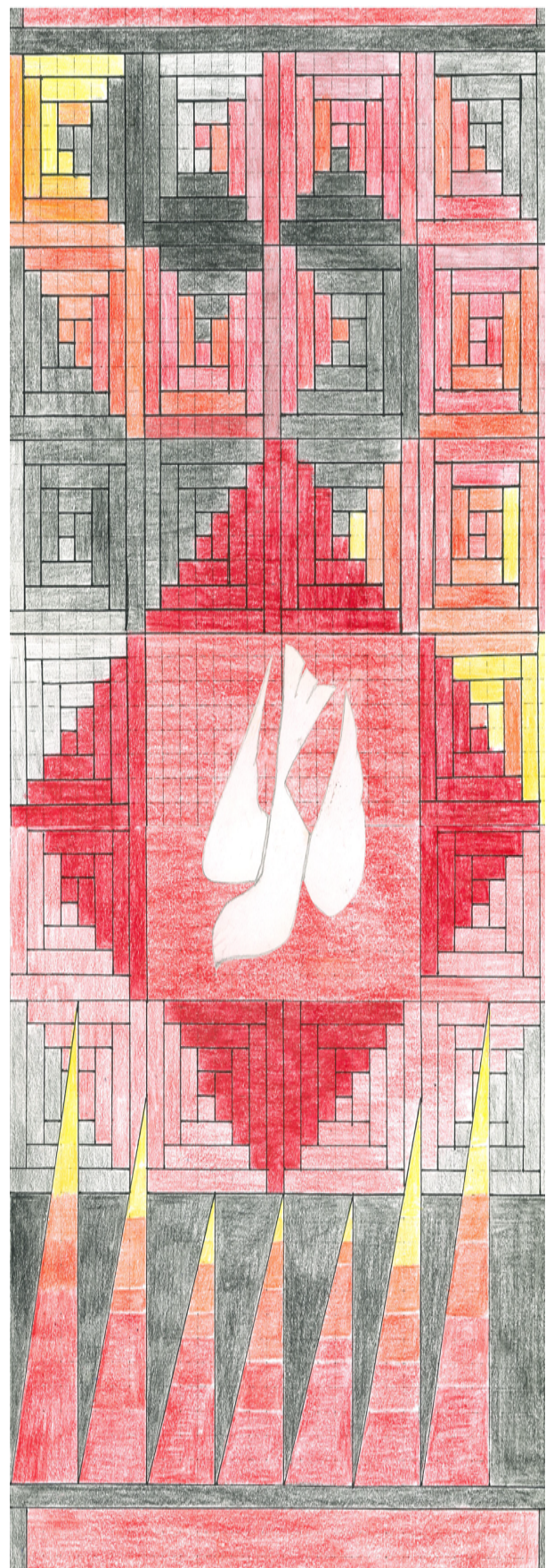
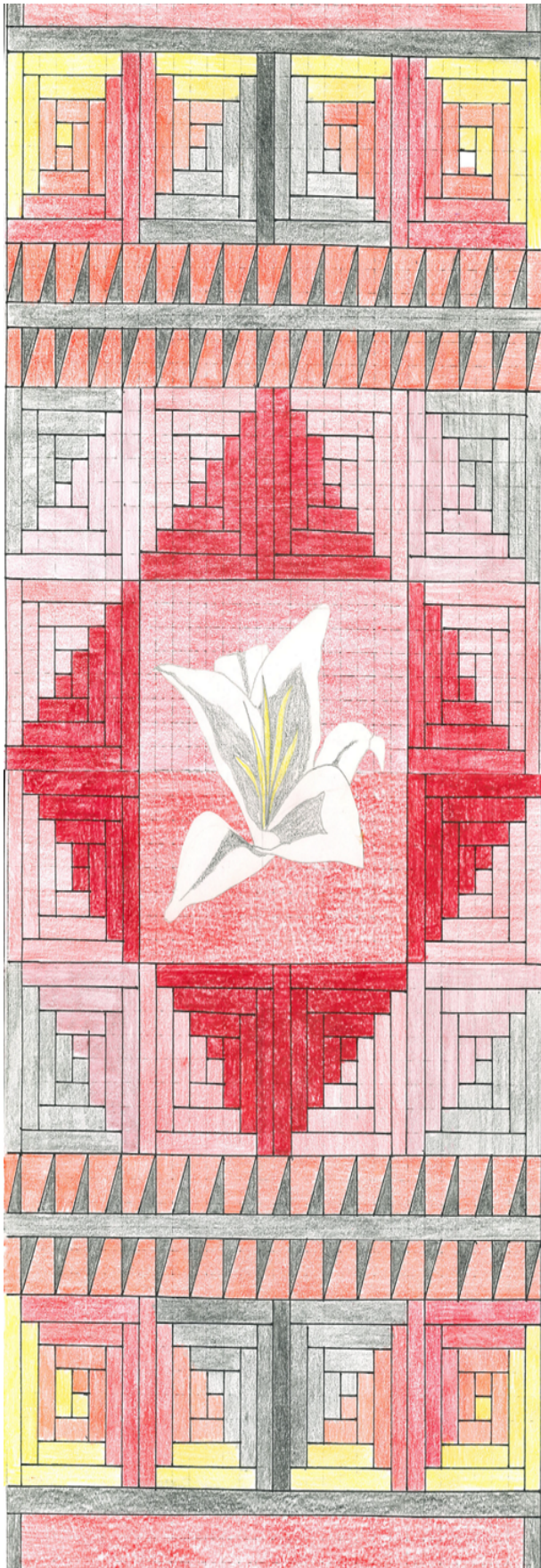




Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025
10:00 am

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.

For Contemplation

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

~Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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

□ - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE “Improvisation on “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Karl Côté

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “Garden”

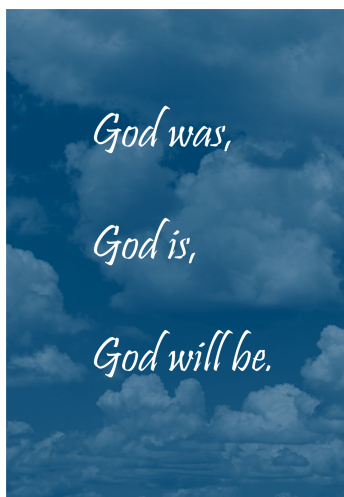
CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,
God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of the earth
for the purposes of heaven,
God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found
its fulfillment,
God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the
world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the
Holy Spirit,
God was, God is, God will be.



□ HYMN 77 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him! Let the A-men sound from his

tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From: Our Song of Hope

***The Holy Spirit speaks through the Scriptures.
The Spirit has inspired Hebrew and Greek words,
setting God's truth in human language,
placing God's teaching in the ancient cultures,
proclaiming the gospel in the history of the world.***

***The Spirit speaks truly what the nations must know,
translating God's Word into modern languages,
impressing it on human hearts and cultures.
The Holy Spirit speaks through the church,
measuring its words by the canonical Scriptures.***

***The Spirit has spoken in the ancient creeds and in the confessions
of the Reformation.
The Spirit calls the world to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness
to the Scriptures,
in harmony with the church of the ages,
and in unity with all Christ's people.***

***God's Spirit speaks to the world according to God's ultimate Word
in Christ.
In every time and place, in ancient cities and distant lands, in
technology and business, in art and education,
God has not been without a witness.
The Word has entered where we have failed to go.
In each year and in every place we expect the coming of Christ's
Spirit.***

***As we listen to the world's concerns,
hear the cry of the oppressed,
and learn of new discoveries,
God will give us knowledge,
teach us to respond with maturity,
and give us courage to act with integrity.***

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Sing Praises" (3 times)

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of life,
grant us your forgiveness For our careless thoughts, For our thoughtless deeds, For our empty speech And the words with which we wounded.

O God of life,
grant us your forgiveness For our false desires, For our hateful actions, For our wastefulness And for all we left untended.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (3 times)

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! ***Amen.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON’S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

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 “Soul on Fire”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***O gracious God and most merciful Father,
You have given us the rich and precious jewel of your holy Word.
Assist us with your Spirit, that it may be written in our hearts to
our everlasting comfort,
to reform us, to renew us according to your image, to build us up
into the perfect building of Christ, and to increase us in all
heavenly virtues.
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the same Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen***

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “History”



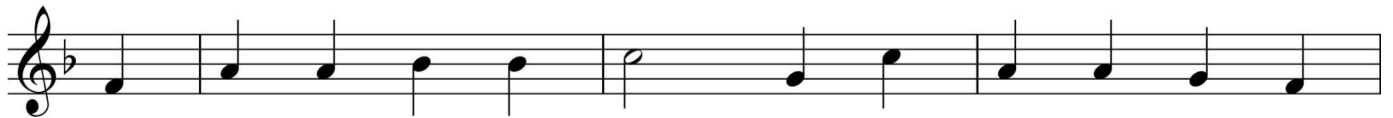
HYMN "The Only Son from Heaven" (Elizabeth Creutziger 1500-1535)



The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
O time of God ap - point - ed; O bright and ho - ly morn!
A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love You more,
O Fa - ther, here be - fore You, with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the King a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born;
in faith, to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it, to a - dore;
and Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel - host.



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us, and bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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.***

A special thanks to Sandy Cornwell and Mark Kaercher for their contributions to the Reformation Service.

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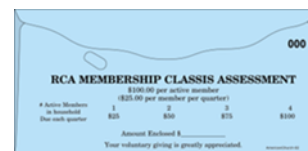
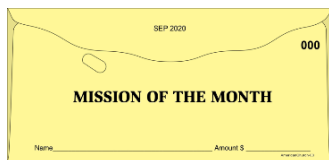
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