

Achrome with Bread Rolls (1962) by Piero Manzoni

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 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.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

Today We Are Celebrating Communion

All those who seek fellowship with Jesus Christ are welcome to his table.

All bread is gluten-free, and all cups contain grape juice.

Please hold the elements; we will partake of them together.

For Contemplation

(about the art on the cover)

“Unlike Christ, who refused to transform stone into bread (Matthew 4:4), Piero Manzoni decisively transformed bread into stone.

His 1961 work *Achrome* with Bread Rolls is formed of a tightly-packed grid of bread rolls which, when hung on a wall, seems as monumental as a marble frieze. Manzoni covered each roll in a slurry of kaolin, a naturally white clay, and let them harden before affixing them to a white painted panel. The pure whiteness of the undulating surface heightens the relief. Irregular knotted forms nestle side by side, pulling the eye along the uniform rows and between the round forms, down to shadows cast on the flat panel surface. ...

Instead of a soft, floury surface, viewers are confronted with a smooth hardened shell: cold liquid clay absorbed into the substance of the bread and dried to an inedible stone-like object. Eucharistic transformation of bread into the body of Christ is upended here: bread is transformed into Art.”

Commentary by Carla Benzan from *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*

PRELUDE "Speak, O Lord"

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Melody

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES OF LENT

LENTEN INTROIT "Take, O Take Me As I Am" (3 times)

This Lent, four symbols will be brought forward during the Lenten Introit. They symbolize the primary ways the living Word of God meets us:

1. **The Bible**, symbolizing the Word of God who still speaks to us today.
2. **A Drape** for the Cross, symbolizing the Word of God who became flesh and gave himself in love, showing us "The Way" to live.
3. **A Pitcher**, symbolizing the Word of God who washes, claims, and gives us a vocation in the waters of baptism.
4. **A Plate & Cup**, symbolizing the Word of God who feeds and sustains us at his table of reconciliation and fellowship.

May the words of this introit be our honest prayer this Lent.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line. The lyrics are: "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me."

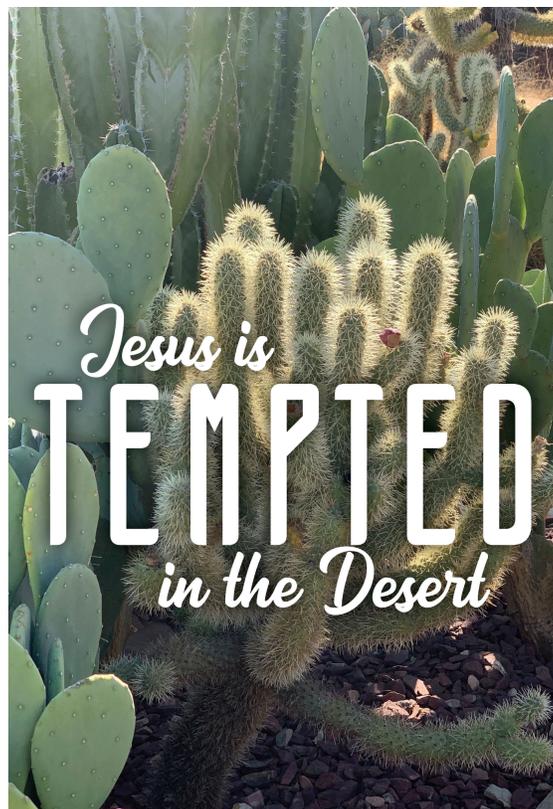
CALL TO WORSHIP Based on John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Nearly all wisdom we possess consists in two parts:

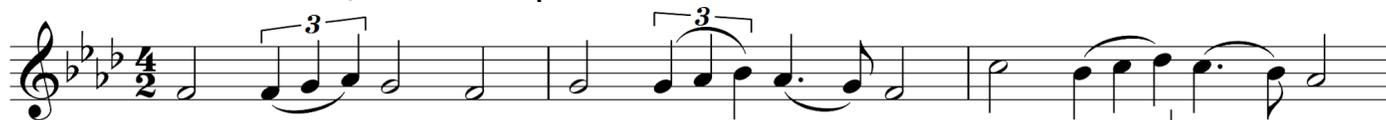
***a relational knowledge of God and
a relational knowledge of ourselves.***

In Lent's spiritual wilderness, our temptations speak, and when they do,
***they unmask our illusions and our pain, but through them we
can be led into a truer knowledge of God and ourselves.***

So, let's not fear the wilderness and what it may reveal,
for through it we come to truly know God and ourselves.



* **OPENING SONG** "Jesus Tempted in the Desert"



Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert, lone - ly, hun - gry,
 Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple, high a - bove its
 Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain by the lure of
 When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er, lone - ly, strug - gling,



filled with dread: "Use your power," the tempt - er tells him;
 an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from loft - y tur - ret;
 vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me! Be my ser - vant!
 filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempt - er's ho - ur,



"Turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!" "Not a lone by
 an - gels wait to break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such
 Glo - ry, fame, you're sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the
 come and be our liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro -



bread," he an - swers, "Can the hu - man heart be filled.
 emp - ty mar - vels, feats that fick - le crowds re - quest:
 daz - ling vi - sion, turns his eyes an - oth - er way:
 tect, pre - serve us lest we fall your trust be - tray.



On - ly by the Word that calls us
 "God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us,
 "God a lone de - serves our hom - age!
 Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es,



is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"
 we must nev - er vain - ly test."
 God a lone will I o - bey!"
 be the Word we hear, o - bey.

PROFESSION OF FAITH Selections of *The Second Helvetic Confession* §21

For even as bodily food and drink not only refresh and strengthen our bodies, but also keeps them alive, so the flesh of Christ...and his blood...not only refresh and strengthen our souls, but also preserve them...

Thus, as we must by eating receive food into our bodies in order that it may work in us...so it is necessary that we receive Christ by faith, that he may become ours, and he may live in us and we in him.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Lord, Be Glorified” [*lives, homes, church, world*]

***In our [lives], Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our [lives], Lord, be glorified today.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***In this wilderness, we have come to realize:
that we chase what does not satisfy,
that we are drawn to illusions that distort,
that we act out of the pain of our wounds,
that we are driven by fear.***

***Forgive us. Turn these temptations and pains into avenues of grace. Feed us with your bread from heaven—the very food we need for whatever ails us. Nourish our souls, that we might be led into a truer knowledge of you and ourselves, and so fully live.
Amen.***

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 Based on Matthew 4:1-11

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

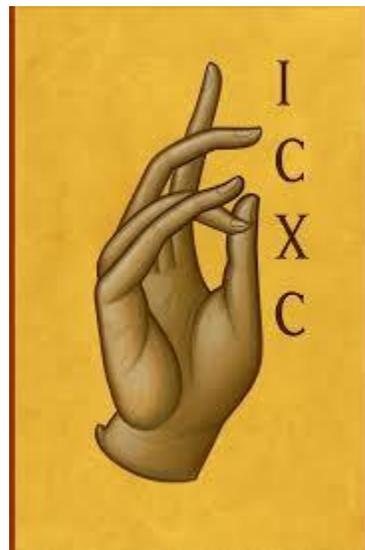
The peace of Christ be with you!

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 - Sarah

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD - Kevin Bottini

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

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*** 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 “Lead Me to the Cross”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word of God, transform us in this wilderness. Nourish us with truth, and let us come to truly know you and ourselves. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Exodus 16:1-5 & Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my instructions. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.”

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

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, “Since you are God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.”

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.”

Jesus replied, “Again it’s written, Don’t test the Lord your God.”

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, “I’ll give you all these if you bow down and worship me.”

Jesus responded, “Go away, Satan, because it’s written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.” The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

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

SERMON “Wilderness, Manna, and the Word of God”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

SURSUM CORDA (“lift up your hearts” in Latin)

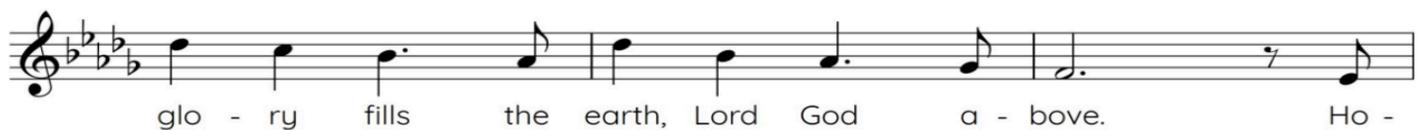
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTA (The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving)

SANCTUS “Holy Lord”



ANAMNESIS (The “remembering”)

MEMORIAL ACCLIMATION (The Mystery of the Faith)



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

EPICLEISIS (The “call upon” prayer)

"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!

INVITATION & COMMUNION “Give Me Jesus”

* **THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION** *from the Worship Sourcebook*

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people
we give ourselves to you.

Because we have shared the bread from heaven and the wine of life,
we are changed, and we leave this place to change the world.

Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
and encourage many through us.

Take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be. Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me. Amen.

* **SUNG RESPONSE** “Take, O Take Me As I Am” (3 times)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics for the first system are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall". The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics for the second system are: "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines in the right hand.

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



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.

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