

Celebration (1997) by John August Swanson

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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 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

For Contemplation

It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
The impeded stream is the one that sings.

- *Our Real Work* by Wendell Berry

PRELUDE "When We All Get to Heaven"

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Vicki

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Matthew 18:15-20

Gathered in the name of Jesus, we rejoice in the truth that:
Christ is here!

Handed the work of the Kingdom, we hear Christ's promise again:
"Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven."

Here we come to loose the chains of fear, guilt, and grief!
And bind our hearts to faith, hope, and love!

So bound to each other in Christ and freed by his grace,
let us worship the God who is here!

*** OPENING SONG** "God Is Here"



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reconciling God, we confess that we fear the hard work of holy intimacy. When conflicts arise in our communities, we so often retreat into the safety of taking sides. We gossip rather than risking the vulnerability of direct love. We hold on to our pride or we become chained in our bitterness. Forgive us. Loose us from these harmful things that bind us, and bind us to your love and way of doing things. Send your Spirit to remind us of the power you give us: the power to loose the chains of yesterday, and to bind ourselves to that which is good. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Jesus Remember Me" (3 times)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

GOD'S RESPONSE

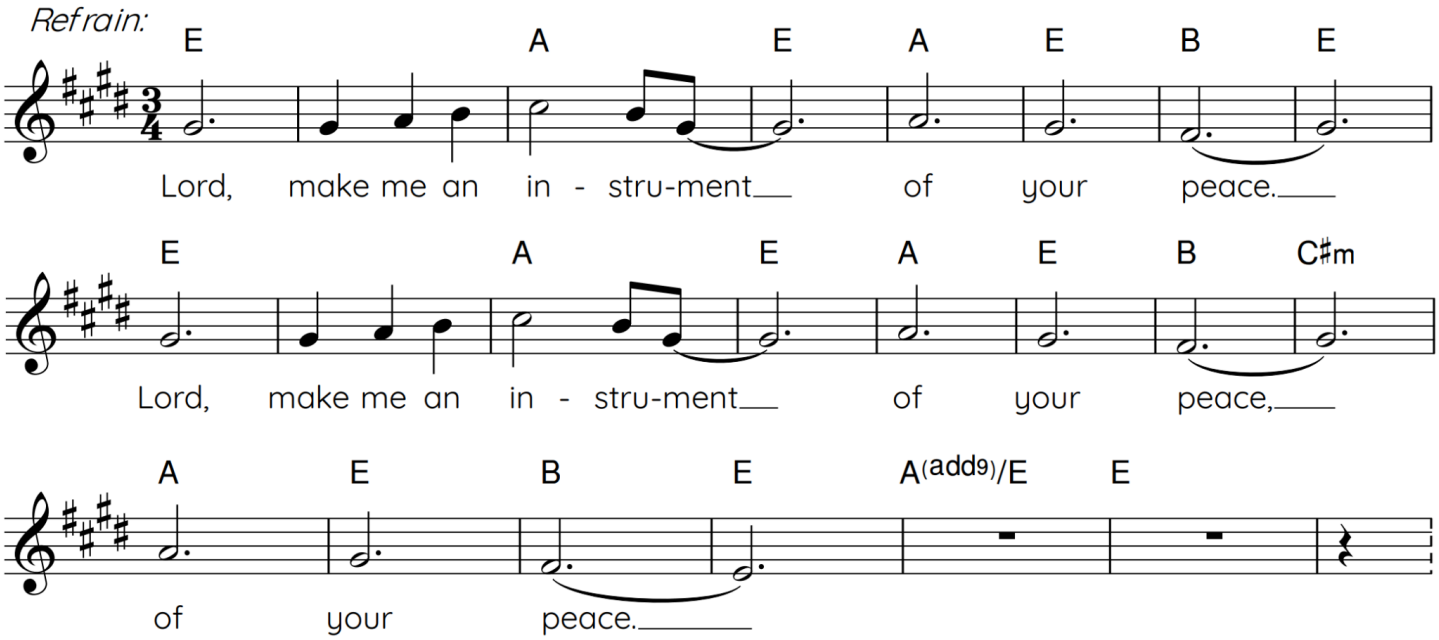
CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah

PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Please greet one another with Christ's peace.

REGATHERING SONG "Make Me an Instrument" (*repeat refrain*)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica

OFFERING

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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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, as we gather in your name, speak to us, and then give us courage to live your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSVue)

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

SERMON How The World Is Held Together



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".

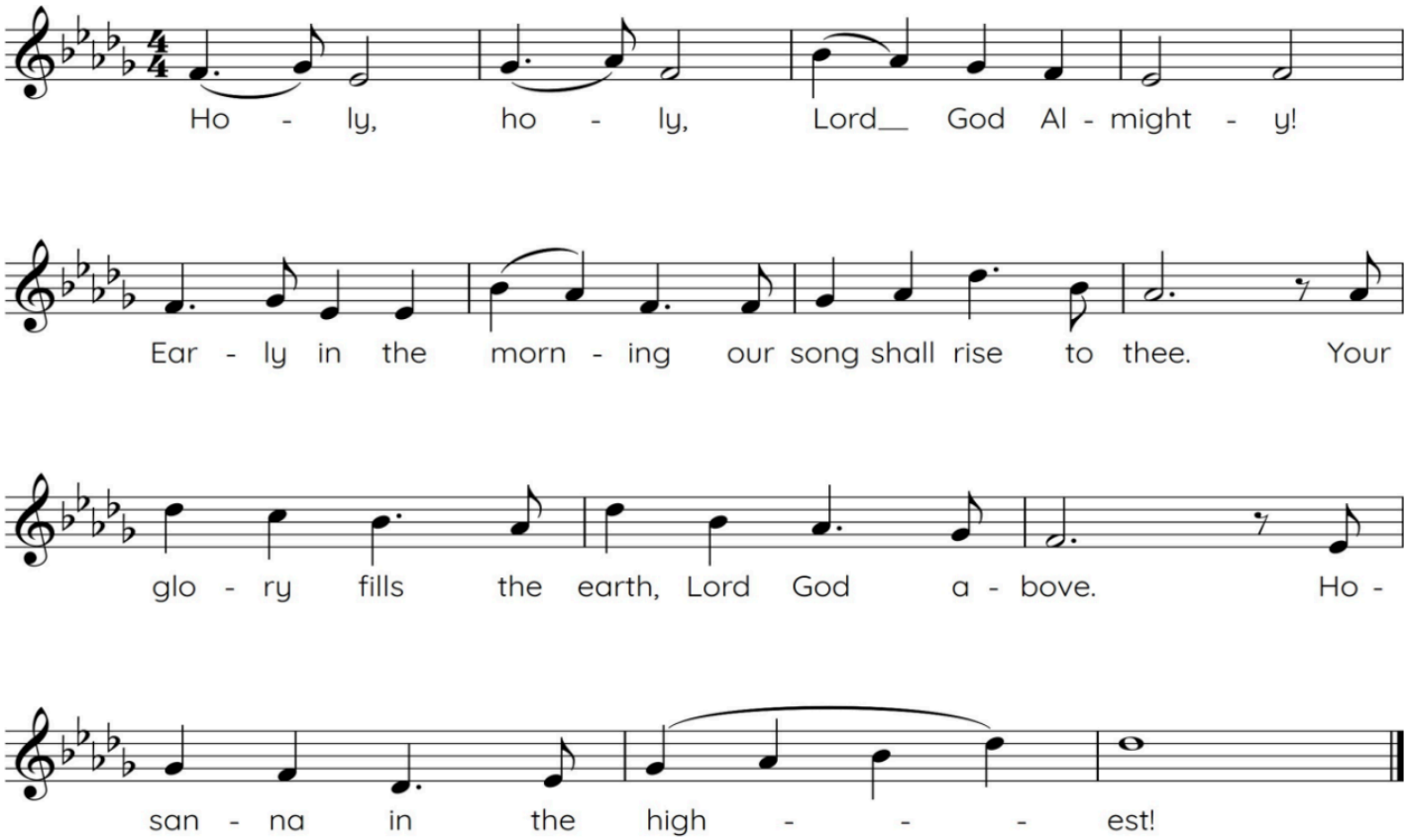
* THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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”



THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

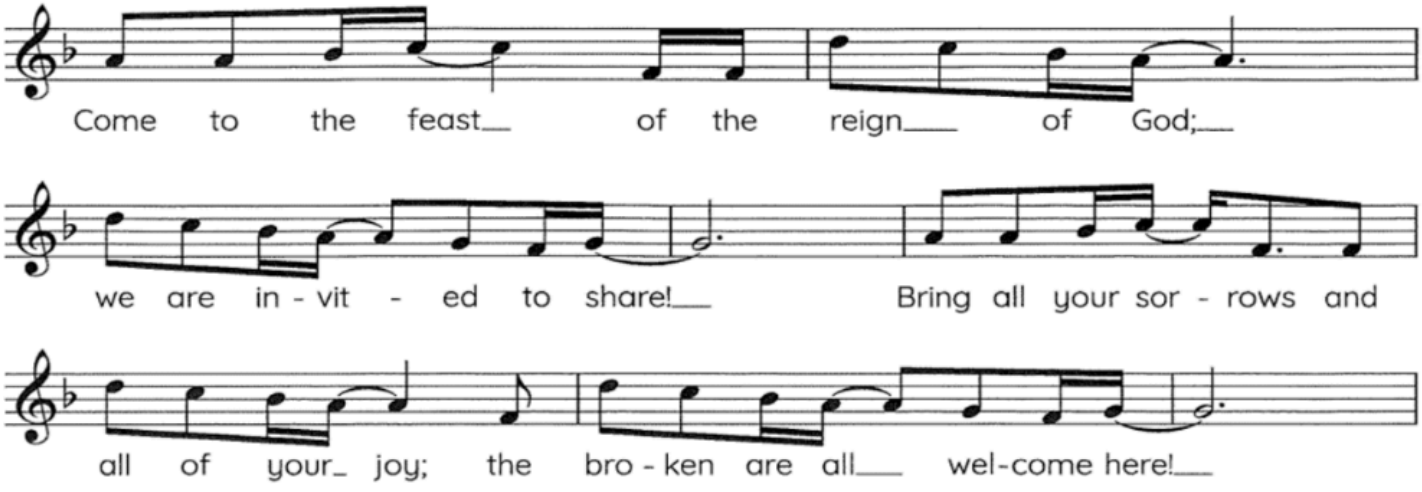




For around this table, you will find your family.



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



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



COMMUNION PRAYER



"GLORY TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD"



COMMUNION

* THE LORD'S PRAYER



*** 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.

Worship Team:

Saturday Prep: **Kevin Ingalls**

Preacher: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Liturgist: **Mark Kaercher**

Music Director: **Ben April**

Elder: **Vicki Lane**

Deacon: **Jessica Kaercher**

Children's Message: **Sarah Huiest**

Children in Worship: **Sarah Huiest**

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Zoom: **Melody York**

Welcome: **Pam Fitzpatrick**

Coffee: **Deb Helf**

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus 14:19-31
Tuesday - Psalm 114
Wednesday - Genesis 50:15-21
Thursday - Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Friday - Romans 14:1-12
Saturday - Matthew 18:21-35
Sunday - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious and loving God,
thank you for this day.
Strengthen my resolve to love
and show mercy throughout the day.
Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place,
and guide the work I have to do for today.
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God,
thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms
and for new mercies and the glory you showed through the day.
Keep my family and me through the night.
I thank and praise you!
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

General Announcements

The September Mission of the Month is **The Shawn Bredice Scholarship Fund.** In memory of our son Shawn, our family dedicates funds to an organization or project each year that benefits persons with Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities. Our church family has been generous to us in the past and joined us through Mission of the Month. Over the past 10 years, we have given over $25,000 in scholarships and program funding.
This year, we are returning to a project that we provided the seed money to a few years ago. We want to help SUNSHINE AND COFFEE get up and running. This unique program is run by South Colonie Life Skills teacher, Sara Norton. The middle school students are taught to run a coffee cart. They are responsible for inventory, customer service, making coffee, selling, cashiering and using the profits to help others. It is an absolutely wonderful program in teaching usable life skills.
These past years, they have been able to get sponsorship from area businesses. As they look for another sponsorship, we will support them. BARRY AND I WILL MATCH DOLLAR TO DOLLAR THE MONEY RAISED FROM OUR CHURCH'S Mission of the Month DONATIONS. You may make a donation through your **"Mission of the Month"** offering envelope, by check payable to CRCC with September Mission of the Month in the memo line.

Community Outreach Team: For September, we will be collecting fun snacks for back to school. Shelf stable milk is always in need.They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your contributions are most appreciated.

We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-64234322-welcome#/
    - **Welcome Hosts** greet everyone as they arrive for worship, and provide printed bulletins. Hosts will also provide a warm welcome for all visitors.
    - **Coffee Hour Hosts** will set-up then monitor coffee service after worship. This ministry promotes a time to catch-up with members of our church family and meet our visitors.
- **Liturgist Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-64234321-liturgist#/

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9am LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am			6pm	Worship Committee 6:30pm		9:30am 12pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am 10am		6pm	Season of Creation Service @ Lisha Kill 5:30pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am 10am Stewardship and Creation Care - 11am		6pm	6pm			10am
27	28	29	30	October 1	2	3
10am						12pm

KEY

- Indoor Worship
- Outdoor Worship
- Women's Bible Study
- NEMA
- Bible Handing Down
- Blessing of Backpacks
- Upper Room for All
- Consistory
- Advocacy and Global Missions
- Orchid Society
- Book Group