



Pride Sunday
June 14, 2026 | 9 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

A Haiku for Today's Service

Outcast in the cart,
Phillip running alongside
Both are changed by love

PRELUDE “Arms of Love”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

- You're invited to sit in or outside of your car. If you're in a car, please:
 - Tune your radio to FM 88.9.
 - Honk your horn as a way to say “Amen!” or “Peace”
- For those online, today's bulletin is at www.communityreformedchurch.com.
- Children are welcome to be at our playground or play on the playground.
- Want to get connected? Contact the church office or visit our website.
- Our next Summer Fellowship Sunday will be Sunday, June 28th, when we will celebrate those who have graduated. Stay for refreshments and fellowship!



We have
accessible
facilities.



Large print
bulletins are
available.



We are a
RoomforAll
Church!

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on the sermon text, Acts 8:26-40

The Spirit is on the move
meeting people on roads far ahead.

So we run to catch up—
seeking this God who is always at work.

What we find is the God
who welcomes those who've been told they are outsiders.

And what that God assures us is
that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ.

Nothing prevents us from belonging to God!
Nothing!

Let us worship the God
whose love is abundant,
whose welcome is wide,
and whose Spirit is still working on the road ahead of us—
loving, liberating, and healing!

* **OPENING SONG** "Alchemy of Healing"



The__ cour - age we__ bor - row, the__ cour - age we bring
 Bring_ grace and bring_ kind - ness to__ all that you sing,
 The__ dark - ness we__ ban - ish, the__ sha - dow we blame
 Come ga - ther your__ pow - er with__ good friends a - round.



shall__ bind us in strength to the heal - ing we sing.
 to__ heal and to hon - or each fierce ten - der thing.
 though hid - den, may help us to find our true name.
 To - geth - er we stand in the truth of this ground.



The__ cour - age to__ face an - y__ wound that we fear
 Each_ shame left un - spo - ken may__ yet shine a light
 So__ bring all your__ cour - age that__ all be made whole,
 Our__ cour - age can__ make us, can__ heal and can mend,



shall__ bind us in__ beau - ty and__ bless ev - ery tear.
 a__ place that seemed bro - ken, that__ place can give life.
 trans - form - ing your__ stor - y in__ bo - dy and soul.
 and a wound can be__ sa - cred, an - y wound we tran - scend.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is always ahead of us, forgive us when we walk while your Spirit runs. We confess that we too often prefer old routes, ignoring the new ones you are making. Too often we ask, “Why this way?” when you say, “Why not?” Forgive us and free us from our fears. Empower us to run with you, wherever and to whomever you may lead. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION “Shepherd Me, O God” (3 times)

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please honk your horn or walk around to share Christ’s peace.



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH & WORLD – Vicki Lane, Elder

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 encouraged to give to the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie via the offering plates or electronically through Zeffy.

*** DOXOLOGY** "Praise to God the Father"



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

ANTHEM "You Are my King (Amazing Love)"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as we hear today's text preached, we pray the words of the Ethiopian Eunuch who said, "How can I understand, unless someone guides me?" Be our guide, and lead us into all truth. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 8:26–40 (CEB)

An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, “At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. The Spirit told Philip, “Approach this carriage and stay with it.”

Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. Phillip asked, “Do you really understand what you are reading?”

He replied, “Without someone to guide me, how could I?” Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. This was the passage of scripture he was reading:

Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent
so he didn't open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was taken away from him.
Who can tell the story of his descendants
because his life was taken from the earth?

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?” Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. As they went down the road, they came to some water.

The eunuch said, “Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?” He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

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

SERMON The Church Runs to Catch Up

*** SONG OF RESPONSE “Love Astounding”**



Love a - stound - ing, Love con - found - ing_ lim - its_ fear - ful minds im - pose.
Love re - ceiv - ing Love be - liev - ing,_ we re - joice with thanks and song,



Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing_ ev - ery_ heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing;_ Love has_ taught us, we be - long



Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing_ good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle_ grace,
safe with - in Love's ten - der_ keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent_ call.



Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em - brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing,_ Love of_ God en - fold - ing all.

*** 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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Coffee Host: **Lori Coté**

Arms of Love

by Craig Musseau

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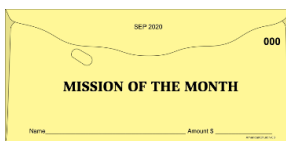
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The Irish Blessing

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Genesis 21:8-21

Tuesday - Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Wednesday - Jeremiah 20:7-13

Thursday - Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Friday - Romans 6:1-11

Saturday Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

God of wisdom, as I go forth this day,
show me how to testify to your grace and truth.
Give me the chance to speak and the words to say,
so that I may glorify your name;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of wisdom, as I go forth this day,
show me how to testify to your grace and truth.
Give me the chance to speak and the words to say,
so that I may glorify your name;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.



CAPITAL PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL - SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2026

Don't just Talk the Talk!! It's time to Walk the Walk as we support our friends and families of the LGBTQ Community! We will be walking representing CRCC as members of Room For All along with First Church Albany.

Capital PRIDE and the Capital Pride Parade and Festival benefit the critical programs and services of the **Pride Center of the Capital Region**.

"Shirley's Shawls", our prayer shawl ministry, will meet in the gathering room, Monday June 15th at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join us! Contact Linda Murphy with any questions (lindamurph98@aol.com).

Photographers Needed! We are looking for individuals who love to take snapshots and preserve the great memories of CRCC! A photography team is being assembled who will attend meetings and events to get some photos for our newsletters and social media posts. All ages are welcome to share their skills! Interested? Contact Sarah Huiest - crcsarah@gmail.com.

The June Mission of the Month is in recognition of Pride month, "In Our Own Voices". It is the Mission of In Our Own Voices to work for and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural, and economic survival and growth of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people of color communities.

Donations to In Our Own Voices, Inc can be given via your yellow Mission of the Month Envelope, via PayPal, or directly on their web site, In Our Own Voices, Inc. - LGBT in Albany (ioov.org).

Community Outreach Team: For June we will be collecting single serving food and snack items, and gift cards to Hannaford, Price Chopper or Walmarts for purchasing single wrap cheese slices. 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:

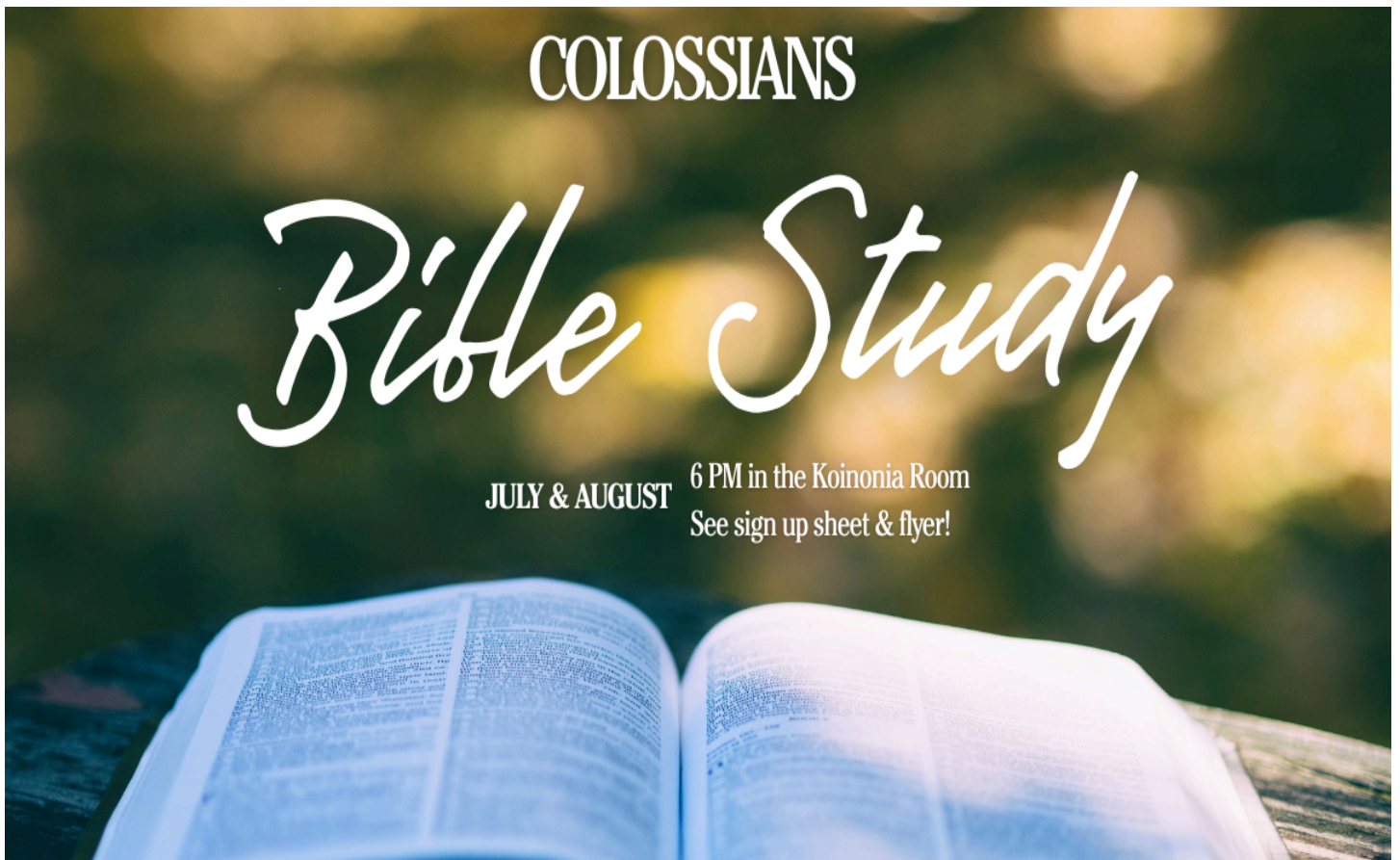
- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**

<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#/>





Calling all Grads!!

We are excited to celebrate everyone's accomplishments on Sunday, June 28th - especially our recent graduates! If you or a family member is celebrating a graduation from ANY level of education, please contact Sarah Huiest or Pastor Trey!



Camp Fowler's 16th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser will be Monday, July 6th, 8A-3P. Monies raised support the mission and work of Camp Fowler. Interested in participating? See Kevin Bottini!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie's

60TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & POTLUCK

Come celebrate 60 years of God's
faithfulness, and reconnect with the
many people who have been part of
CRCC's story!

26 July 2026 | **Service @ 9 AM**
Potluck @ 10 AM

All are welcome! RSVP below:



Bring a chair!



Bring a dish
or game!

OR RSVP ONLINE

www.communityreformedchurch.com



2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 31 9am Joyce Karl Celebration of Life: 3pm	1	2	3 Worship Committee 6pm	4	5	6 12pm
7 9am 10am 11am	8	9 Elders' Meeting 6pm	10 6pm	11 Day Care Graduation 6pm	12	13 10am
14 9am 10am Pride Parade	15 6pm	16 6pm	17 6pm	18	19 Church and Day Care CLOSED JUNETEENTH	20
21 9am	22	23 6pm	24	25	26	27
28 9am 10am	29	30				

KEY

- Outdoor Worship
- Junk in the Trunk
- Fellowship and Games
- Fellowship Sunday
- Advocacy and Global Missions
- Upper Room for All
- Consistory
- Shirley's Shawls
- Book Group
- Orchid Society
- Women's Bible Study

