

The Best Supper by Jan Richardson

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 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.

For Contemplation:

And the Table Will Be Wide – A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.

And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.
And we will come
unhindered and free.
And our aching
will be met
with bread.
And our sorrow
will be met
with wine.

And we will open our hands
to the feast
without shame.
And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.
And we will give up
our appetite
for despair.
And we will taste
and know
of delight.

And we will become bread
for a hungering world.
And we will become drink
for those who thirst.
And the blessed
will become the blessing.
And everywhere
will be the feast.

Today We Are Celebrating Communion

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

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics.***
* - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

THE ELDER'S PRAYER - Karl Coté

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 36

The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,
and Christ's banner over me was love.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens;
your faithfulness to the clouds!

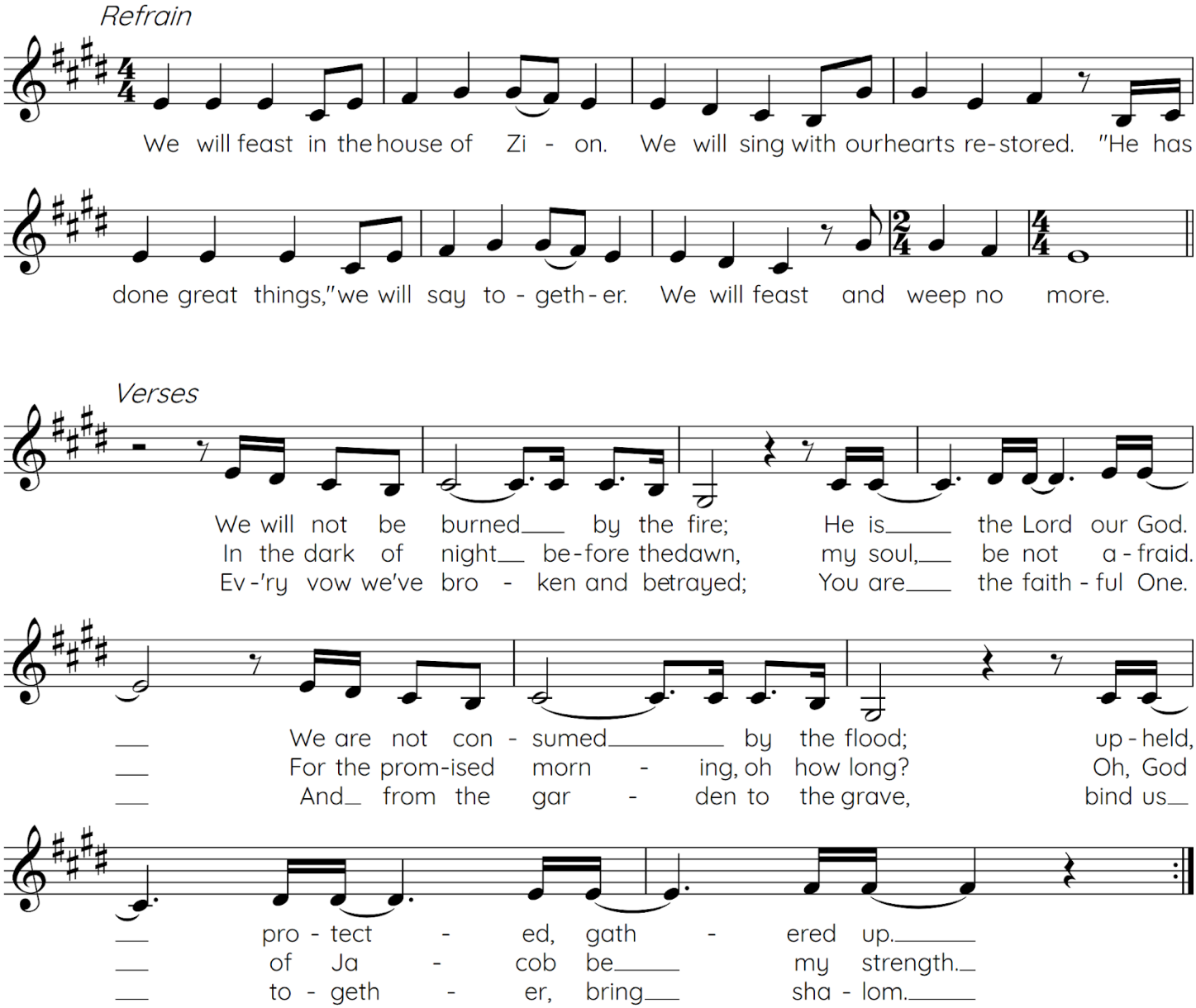
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
humans and creatures you save, O Lord!

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of humanity take refuge in your wings.
We feast on the abundance of your house.

You give us drink from the river of your delights.
For you are the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,
and Christ's banner over me was love.

*** OPENING SONG** "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on Isaiah 25

Gracious God, you prepare a feast for all peoples—a table overflowing with rich food and good wine, where every hunger is satisfied, every tear is wiped away, and death itself loses its power. Yet we confess that we have built walls where you have made a table. We have divided where you call us to be one. We have overlooked the hungry, ignored the grieving, and failed to see Christ in one another. Forgive us, and at your table, open our

eyes again, and by your gifts make us people who embody your feast of welcome, justice, and peace. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" (3 times)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near; Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

GOD'S RESPONSE

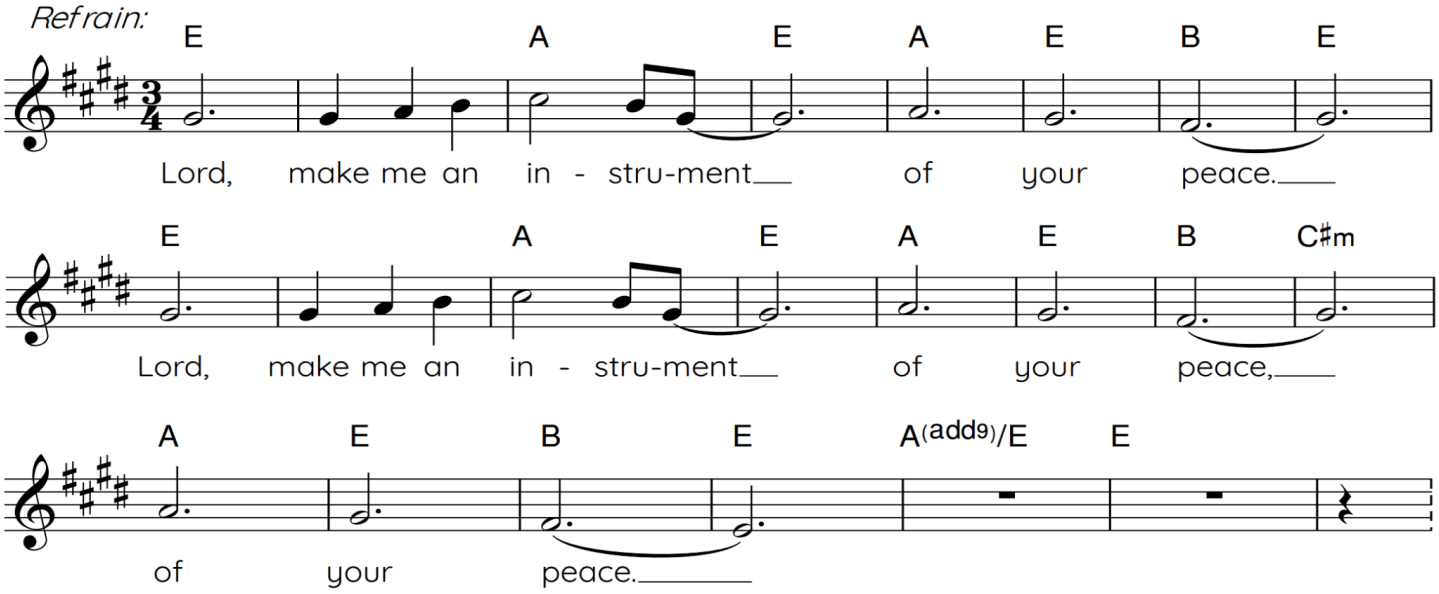
CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

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"



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lou Ann Connelly

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Bottini

OFFERING

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

*** HARVEST DOXOLOGY** "Glory and Gratitude and Praise" (2 times)



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the feast, open our eyes to your vision of a world made whole. Through your Word, show us what you are doing, and give us the grace and strength to join you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 25:1-9 (CEB)

Lord, you are my God. I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, planned long ago, faithful and sure.

You have turned the city into rubble, the fortified town into a ruin, the fortress of foreigners into a city no more, never to be rebuilt.

Therefore, strong people will glorify you; the towns of tyrant nations will fear you.

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in distress, a hiding place from the storm, a shade from the heat.

When the breath of tyrants is like a winter storm or like heat in the desert, you subdue the roar of foreigners. Like heat shaded by a cloud, the tyrants' song falls silent.

On this mountain, the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined.

The Lord will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. The Lord will swallow up death forever.The Lord God will wipe tears from every face; the Lord will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken.

They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and God has saved us!

This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

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

SERMON "A Beachhead of Holiness"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Today we will celebrate communion with breads from around the world!
- When invited, please come forward using the center aisles; then,
- Sanitize your hands at the baptismal font; then,
- Choose a bread and tear off a piece (there is a gluten free option); then,
- Go to an intinction station on either side of the communion table; then,
- Dip your bread into the cup and eat.
- After receiving communion, return to your seat using the outside aisles.
- If you would like to remain in your seat, the Deacon of the Day will bring communion to you in your seat.

* 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".

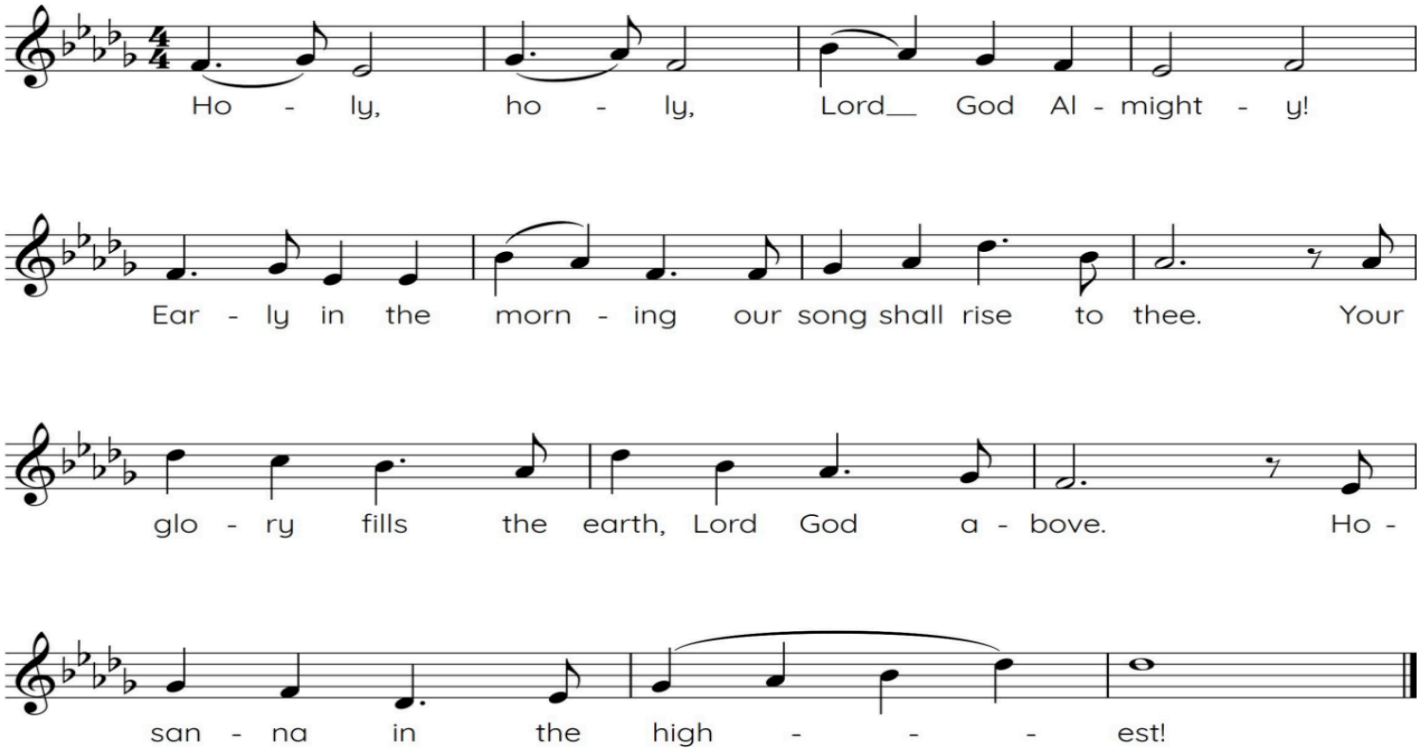
*** THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

Remembrance
Communion
Hope

INVITATION TO THE TABLE



For around this table, you will find your family.



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



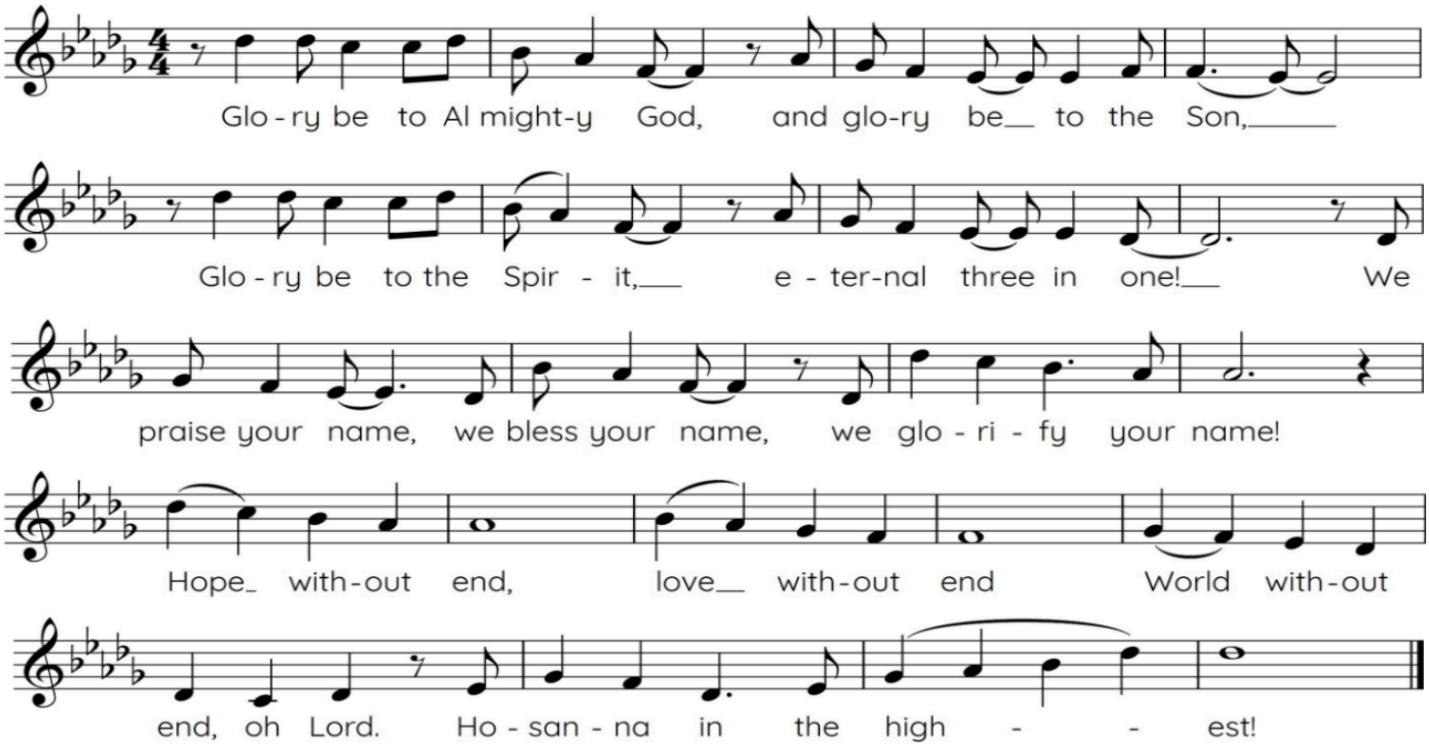
For this is the feast of the reign of God, where the broken are molded into a Beloved Community.



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**

Special Announcer(s):
Lou Ann Connelly

Musician 1: **Ben April**

Musician 2: **Tina Bottini**

Elder: **Karl Coté**

Deacon: **Kevin Bottini**

Sunday School: **Sarah Huiest**

Children's Message:
Sarah Huiest

Children in Worship:
Sarah Huiest

Children's Aide:
Violet Braungard

Sound: **Mike York**

Video: **Cameron Kaercher**

Zoom: **Stephen Latta**

Welcome: **Lou Ann Connelly**

Coffee: **Margaret George**

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus 32:1-14
Tuesday - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Wednesday - Isaiah 25:1-9
Thursday - Psalm 23
Friday - Philippians 4:1-9
Saturday - Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God,
you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all.
Shift my focus today from whatever is false to that which is true;
from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable;
from whatever is corrupt to that which is just;
from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure;
from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing;
from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable;
that I may live in the light.
Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, your love is steadfast and enduring.

May your peace, which surpasses all understanding,hem me in, behind and before,as I lie down to rest.

Amen.

General Announcements

The New Church Doors are Here! Our new church doors have been installed and are a beautiful addition to our renovation. We are excited to have had new sanctuary doors installed that will be easily accessible for everyone. If you need a key for the new door please see Kevin Ingalls or Lori Coté.

Pledge Confirmation Letters Letters of confirmation for 2026-27 pledges are available on the back table for you to pick up. The letters that are not picked up will be mailed. Thank you for your support of CRCC!

The Community Outreach Team of Community Reformed Church is seeking volunteers to assist with supplying dinners to the **Overflow Shelter at the First Church**. Use the Sheridan Ave parking lot to drop off meals. The number to call when you arrive is 518-426-1227. The shelter with dinners will be two Mondays a month. Don't worry about delivery; if you are able to have the meal to the church by 5:30, Tina will deliver it for you, please let her know that you will need her to deliver it at least two days before. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Bottini at tinambo85@gmail.com or Vicki Lane at vlane1020@gmail.com. For more information and to sign-up to volunteer, please follow this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-66117483-overflow

Church Banners - Our sanctuary banners are in good shape but need gentle vacuuming to remove years of accumulated dust and grime. We're looking for volunteers to stay for about an hour **after coffee hour on Oct 11.** Volunteers will work in pairs to clean the banners, with textile conservationist Deborah Trupin demonstrating the proper technique. Suitable vacuums will be on hand.

If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the back table, reply to this email, or contact Lou Ann Connelly, louannconne@nycap.rr.com. Thank you!

Church Cleanup Day is October 17. We would like to have you join us for our church cleaning event. The church cleaning will take place after the Asset Walk which is scheduled 9:30am-12:00pm. This year I would like to focus on the Sanctuary, Kitchen, Welcome Way and Bathrooms. The Sanctuary needs a good cleaning and dusting, especially the Alter and Choir loft. I will be moving the Refrigerators in the kitchen so that we can clean and mop these areas that seem to collect large amounts of dust and dirt. So bring your favorite cleaning supplies and join us. Your Church needs you to be involved, please consider donating your time – Yours in Christ, Kevin Ingalls

Fabric Needed: The South End Children's Cafe in Albany is starting a Sewing Club, and they need fabric! This will be an ongoing need. Donations can be brought directly to them or given to Sarah Huiest. They are also seeking volunteers to assist the children! If you are interested in volunteering or have fabric to deliver, you can contact Tracie at (518) 275-8890. You are also welcome to contact Sarah Huiest with any questions.

Community Outreach Team: For October, we will be collecting Mac-n-Cheese, Hamburger Helper, rice, and other boxed dinner staples. Shelf stable milk is always in need.They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your gifts are most appreciated.

The October Mission of the Month is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CDC data reports that on average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the US. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. In recognition of these staggering numbers, the **October Mission of the Month is Unity House.**

Donations to Unity House of Troy can be made via your Offering envelope, Zeffy on the church's website, or directly at https://www.unityhouseny.org/how-to-help/donate/

We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:** https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887124-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/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887132-liturgist#/

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am 10am	5:30pm					12pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am 10am			Worship Committee 6:30pm			9:30am A Rocha 10am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am 10am Mission in Motion 11am	DayCare Closed 2pm 6:30pm	6pm	6pm	6pm		9:30am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am 10am Baptism 10AM	2pm	6pm	6:30pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am 10am Second Hour 11am	5:30pm	6pm	Deacon Meeting 7PM			

KEY

Indoor Worship | Sunday School | Women's Bible Study | Asset Walk | Shirley's Shawls | Sew and Reap Quilters

Upper Room for All | Stewardship and Creation Care | Advocacy and Global Missions | Orchid Society | Book Group | Consistory | Community Outreach