

Drops of Kindness (2016) by Nicolene Botha

Gifting of Bibles

September 20, 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

About The Art

"*Drops of Kindness*, by South African artist Nicolene Botha, gives us a wonderfully simple image of generosity. Painted in 2016 during a severe drought, it shows two sparrows beside a tap, reminding us of just how precious even a single drop of water can be. One little bird gently opens the tap so that the other can drink. It is a tiny gesture, but that is precisely what makes the painting so touching. Generosity does not always require grand gestures or great sacrifices. Often it consists simply in noticing another's need and giving what we can. A drop of water, a little time, a kind word...individually they may seem insignificant, but to someone who is thirsty, they can mean everything." – excerpt from christian.art

PRELUDE "King of Kings"

ELDER'S PRAYER - Linda Murphy

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Matthew 20:1-16

Come, all who are looking for God.
We are here!

Come, you who arrived early.
We are here!

Come, you who arrived late.
We are here!

Come, you who have been here for years.
We are here!

Come, you who are here for the first time.
We are here!

There is room in God's kingdom for all of us.
There is more than enough grace for all of us!

So, open your hands and hearts to receive what God has for you.
We come to worship this generous God!

Let us worship the Lord here in this place!

* OPENING SONG "Here In This Place"



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are the overflowing source of all goodness, yet we have sought after things instead of seeking after you. We have expected generosity from you and others, but we have not shown generosity ourselves. We so often forget to be gracious and grateful, and we fail to remember all that you have done for us.

Forgive us, and fill our hearts with gratitude. Remind us that practicing gratitude opens our lives to the goodness all around us. And, help us share our gifts and strengths, so that others might have their lives more opened to goodness, too. Amen.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In God Alone" (3 times)

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace; In God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest; Find its rest and peace.

GOD'S RESPONSE

CALL TO NEW LIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

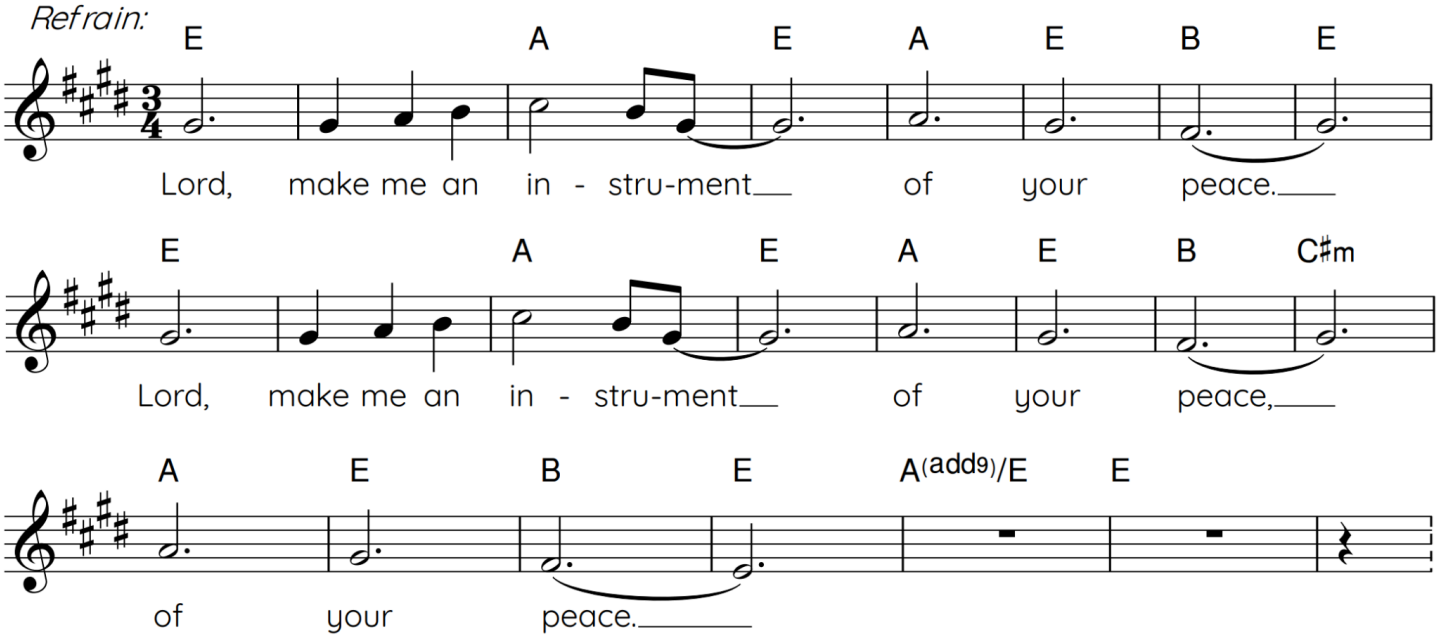
GIFTING OF THE BIBLES

As you receive your Bible, we offer this special blessing:
May you increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and humanity. Amen.

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 – Sarah Huiest

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Marv Helf

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

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

* **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 "Chain Breaker"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the depth of grace and the breadth of God's generosity. May we hear the good news anew. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I'll pay you whatever is right." And they went.

Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, "Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?" "Because nobody has hired us," they replied. He responded, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first."

When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, "These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun."

But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn't I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I'm generous?" So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.

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

SERMON The Gospel Isn't Fair. It's Better Than That.

*** SONG OF RESPONSE** "Lord of All Hopefulness"



*** 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: **Pam Izzo**

Special Announcer:
Sarah Huiest

Musician 1: **Brian Rhode**

Musician 2: **Kevin Ingalls**

Elder: **Linda Murphy**

Deacon: **Marv Helf**

Sunday School: **Sarah Huiest**

Children's Message:
Sarah Huiest

Children in Worship:
Sarah Huiest

Children's Aide:
Violet Braungard

Sound: **Bert Huiest**

Video: **Cameron Kaercher**

Zoom: **Sandy Cornwell**

Welcome: **Lori Coté**

Coffee: **Linda Murphy**

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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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&
Sandy Cornwell
crccsandy@gmail.com

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday Exodus 17:1-7
Tuesday Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Wednesday Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Thursday Psalm 25:1-9
Friday Philippians 2:1-13
Saturday Matthew 21:23-32
Sunday Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God,
thank you for this day.
Help me hear others as I know that
you always hear me.
Open my heart and help me give
myself with grateful praise
to things you have set for me today.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God,
thank you for always being with me.
Rest now in me, God, so that I will
wake in the morning with praise
and thanksgiving on my lips.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

General Announcements

Sunday School - Sunday School for children in kindergarten through 6th grade will begin on Sunday, September 27, at 9AM. Interested families should contact Sarah Huiest.

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.

Trunk or Treat - On Wednesday, October 21st, from 6:30-7:30PM, CRCC and CCDC will host a Trunk or Treat Event for the Community. We would love to have as many people there as possible. Sign up and let us know that you and your trunk will be ready to enthusiastically serve the community! Never been to a trunk or treat before? No problem! We are happy to offer ideas and assistance! Questions? Please see Sarah Huiest - crccsarah@gmail.com. Signup Here or on the back table:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADA823A2FACE9-65901183-trunk

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.

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#/



The Northeastern Middle Assembly will have its first meeting here on **Sat. September 26, 2026, 10 AM to 2 PM.**

The meeting will focus on approving inaugural officers and bylaws, as well as receiving updates from the Transition Team on the structure and future work of the new assembly.

All are welcome to come! If you would like to come or help out, please contact Pastor Trey.

INTRODUCING THE NEW ADK KEYSTONE COHORT

AN A ROCHA PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING CHURCHES IN MEANINGFUL CREATION CARE

WHAT: Join us for a day of worship and learning about how you can participate in an A Rocha cohort experience. General Synod Professor Rev. Dr. Ron Rienstra will help us engage in meaningful earthkeeping for our congregational context. Whether you are looking to start a new creation care team or re-energize your current endeavors, this event is for you!

WHEN: Saturday, October 10th at 10AM - 3PM (But come when you can!)

WHERE: Lisha's Kill Reformed Church | 2133 Central Ave.

A ROCHA USA

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Classis of Albany will gather here on Sunday, November 15th, at 3 PM to commission Donna Davidson as a Preaching Elder.

Join us as we celebrate Donna's calling and pray for her as she begins this new chapter of service among us.

All are welcome to share in this joyful occasion!

COLONIE REPAIR CAFE CAPITAL REGION

AT THE COLONIE LIBRARY

Do you have a beloved household item that could use a little TLC?

Learn from volunteer experts as they repair your item!

Saturday October 3 12:00-4:00 PM



POSSIBLE REPAIRS*

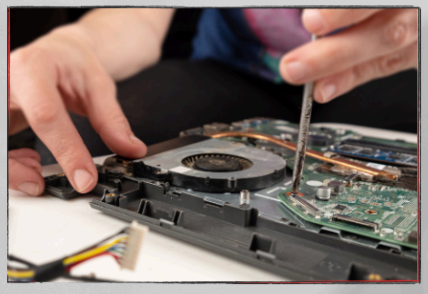
- electrical/wiring
- woodworking
- jewelry
- small appliances
- bicycles
- clothing & textiles
- mechanical
- blade sharpening
- computers
- smart devices



*1 item per attendee, please

Registration not required

Free!



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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