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Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, CA

All Saints Sunday - A Service of Remembrance

November 2, 2025
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 the sections in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit
For Contemplation

Jesus wept,
 and in his weeping,
 he joined himself forever
 to all those who mourn.
He stands now throughout all time,
 this Jesus weeping,
 with his arms about the weeping ones.
“Blessed are those who mourn,
 for they shall be comforted.”
He stands with the mourners
 for his name is God-with-us.
Jesus wept.

~ Ann Weems

PRELUDE “He Leadeth Me”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER’S PRAYER – Linda

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT “Hymn of Promise”

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on The Gospel of Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are reviled for my sake,

For your reward is great in heaven.

Come! Worship the Lord! For Christ by his Spirit gives grace for today.

Let us worship the One who blesses!



*** OPENING SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**



A - maz - ing_ grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a__ wretch like me.



I__ once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now__ I see.



'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my_ fears re - lieved.
(The) Lord has_ prom-ised good to me, His word my_ hope se - cures.



How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the_ hour I first__ be lieved.
He_ will my_ shield and por - tion be as_ long as life__ en - dures.

Refrain:



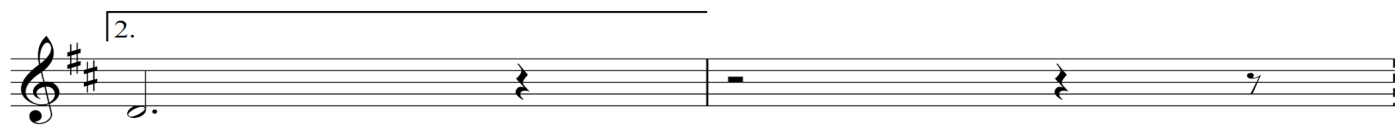
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Sav - ior__ has ran - somed



me. And like a__ flood,__ His mer - cy rains un - end - ing_



love, a - maz - ing_ grace. The



grace.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Our Song of Hope* §20-21

God saves the world through Jesus. Those who call on that name will have life. Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say "Lord", to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith, even to the farthest stars and planets—all creation. The boundaries of God's love are not known, the Spirit works at the ends of the world before the church has spoken a word.

God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect our fellowship in divine love. Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "I Belong to You, O God" (3 times)

***I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.
I belong to you, O God, I belong to you.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, our hearts are restless. We try to carry life's troubles alone, and, as we do, grief clouds our trust and loneliness turns us inward. If we're honest, we so often feel lost on this journey of life.

So Lord, lead us home. Like a mothering hen, gather us beneath your wings and be our shelter of peace, that our hearts may find rest in you, and that your grace begins to heal us. Amen.

ANTHEM "The Shelter of Shalom" Choir

ASSURANCE OF PRESENCE

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Jessica

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.

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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us today, O Lord, so that in the hearing of your Word, we might receive life and live in the ways of life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-16 (NRSVue)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him, and he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

SERMON Blessed?

* **SONG OF RESPONSE** “It Is Well With My Soul”

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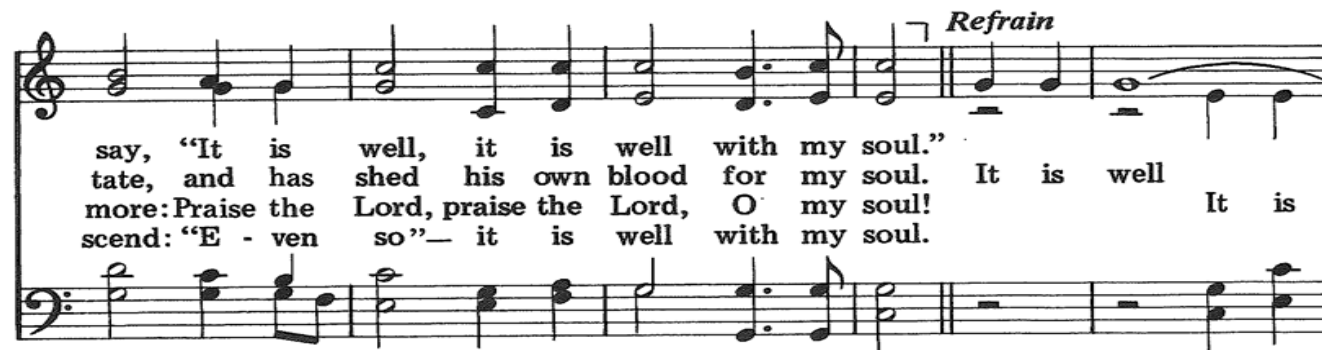
"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:21



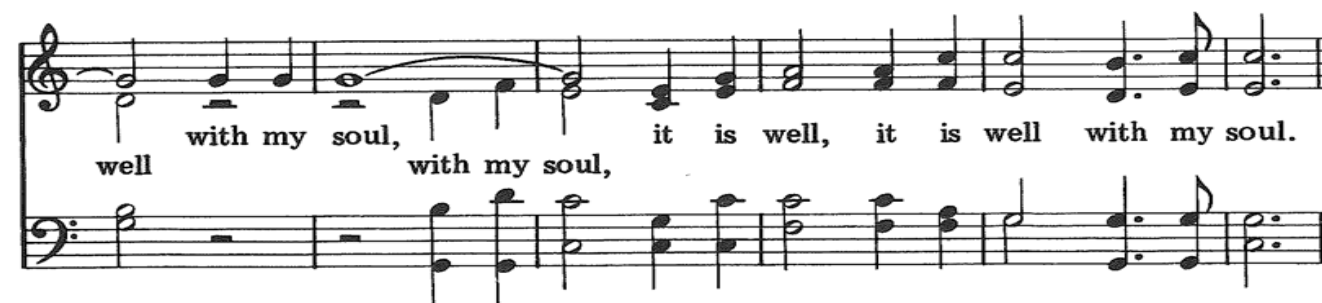
1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



Refrain
 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well It is
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
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WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and most loving God, we thank you for these lives that have blessed ours in so many, many ways. We thank you for the memories we have of our lives together.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of the autumn,
we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

***SONG OF RESPONSE “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

*** 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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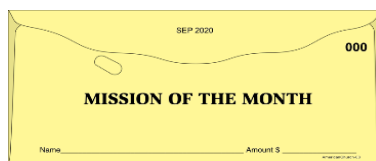
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