

**Celebration of Worship**  
**at the Reformed Church of Cortlandtown**  
May 26, 2019 — 10:00 A.M.

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***We Gather Together in God's Name***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 148*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining  
stars!

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters  
above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he  
commanded and they were created.

**People: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their  
bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all  
deeps,

**People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling  
his command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and  
flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers  
of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike, old and young  
together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name  
alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all  
his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to  
him. Praise the Lord!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"  
Psalm 148

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God has invited us to life and yet we have chosen death. Let us  
confess the state of our lives to our God and before one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in  
order that death might be brought to an end and that we might  
live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have  
chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to  
death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned  
your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your  
image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by  
His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for  
Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

(a moment of silent prayer)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Romans 4:25*

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life  
for our justification.

***We Hear God's Word***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

(Sung) Tune: Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 67

OT, pg. 529

**ORDER OF BAPTISM**

John Torres, Sean Daugherty

**ANTHEM**

"For Everyone Born"

Shirley Murray &  
Brian Mann

**SHARING TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN**

"As the Deer"

See Insert

**GOSPEL READING**

John 5:1-9

NT, pg. 96

**MESSAGE**

"Choose Greatness"

**A MOMENT OF REFLECTION** (Music Interlude)

***We Respond to God in Joy***

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH** (unison) Hymnal, pg. 14  
Led by liturgist

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (see the Prayer Request insert)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***We Depart to Serve***

**\*HYMN** "Go to the World!" See Insert

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

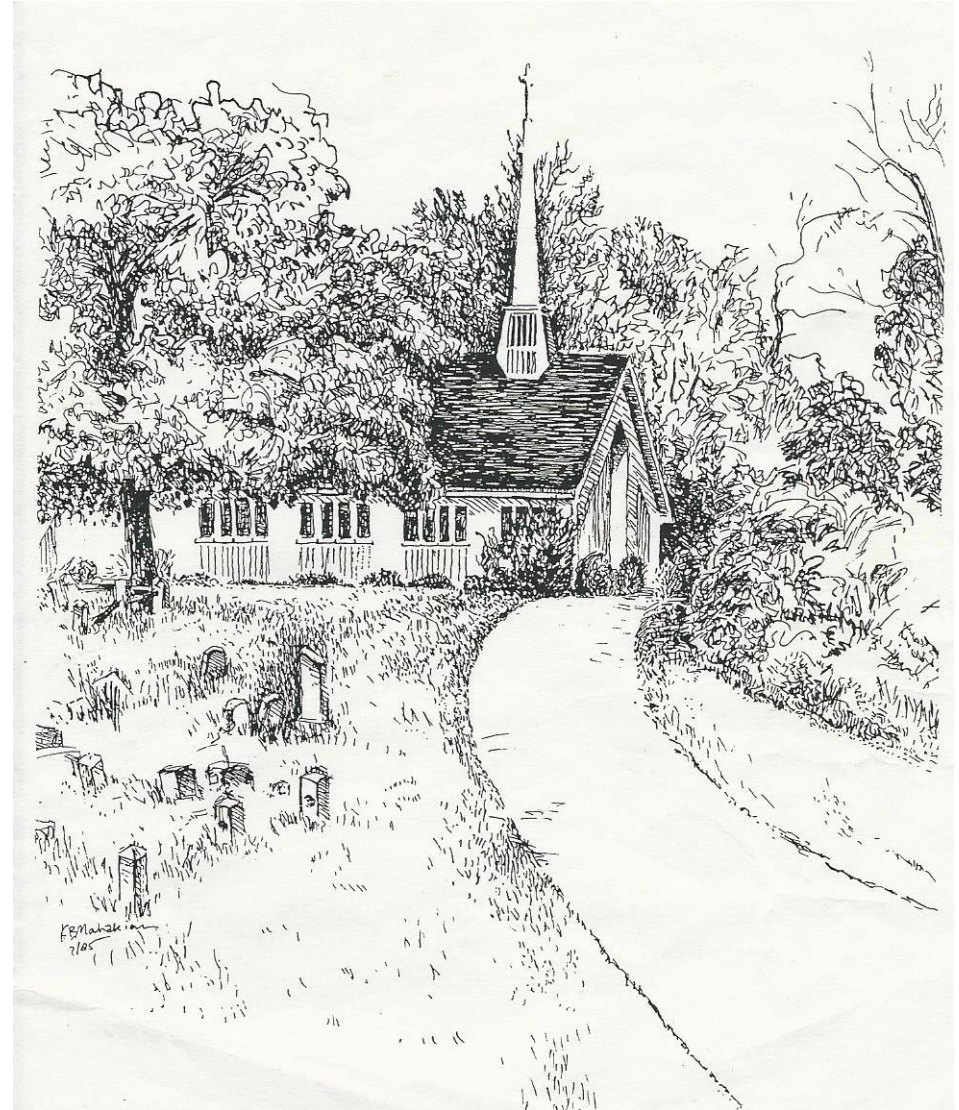


(\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.)

**Thanks to Those Serving Today**

Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston Davis
Music Director.....	Rick Romano
Anthem .....	Adult Choir
Liturgist .....	Norman Haight
Children's Sermon .....	Norman Haight, Ricky Romano
Greeters/Stewards.....	Helen Schlurensauer, Sue Turner
Sunday School Teachers.....	Harmen Bakker, Sue DeResh
.....	Ari Medina, Senyo Tsedze
Nursery .....	Lisa Wilson
Fellowship.....	Kristy Torres

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jill & Mike Berndt in celebration of Craig and Cori's 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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