

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:30 am

Welcome In-person and Online congregations

Announcements

*(We ask you to please sign the "Welcome to Worship" pad, located at the end of the pew, next to the center aisle, and pass it along to your neighbor; then pass it back so that after the service you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you.)*

Gathering Music ..... *In Christ Alone* .... S. Townsend and K. Getty/  
arr. Sandra Eithun

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Gathered by God, seeking hope and belonging,

**We are here to worship.**

From near and far, seeking grace and mercy,

**We are here to worship.**

Through video screens and with our neighbors,

**We are here to worship.**

Journeying to the cross, carrying our burdens,

**We are here to worship.**

Trusting in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**We are here to worship, for our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

\*Hymn 212 ..... *What Wondrous Love Is This* ..... Wondrous Love

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Holy God, you are a loving parent. Yet we hide from you, expecting to be punished. You have shown us mercy and have not dealt with us according to our sins. Yet we have not trusted you. Through the example of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, you have shown us the way of peace. Yet we have often chosen the way of convenience and chaos. Forgive us, we pray, for what we have done and left undone. Welcome us again into your loving embrace...**

*(personal prayers of confession continue in silence)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

How We are Called to Live

Gospel for Children

*(The children are dismissed for Sunday School. Those parents/guardians returning, are reminded to re-enter by the Route 537 entrance.)*

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory ..... *Lord I'm Coming Home/.....* arr. Jerry Nelson  
*I Surrender All*

\*Presentation of the Offering – *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

JUBILATION – OFFERING OF SONG AND STORY

Anthem ..... *Amazing Grace* ..... arr. Russell Mauldin  
*(My Chains are Gone)*

Scripture Enactment ..... Rene Gutteridge  
"The Prodigal Son's Dad"

Anthem ..... *Grace Wins* ..... Matthew West  
arr. Dennis Allen

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 15:11-32

Hymn *(projected)* ..... *We Have Come Home* ..... O Waly Waly

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

\*Hymn *(projected)* ..... *In Christ Alone* ..... In Christ Alone

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Sending Music ..... *Grace Greater than Our Sin* ..... Daniel B. Towner

\*Please stand if you are able

**Bold Italic** print indicates congregational response

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The Colts Neck Reformed Church is a community of people committed to welcoming all into the life of our church family. We commit to affirm the beauty, value, and gifts of all individuals. These commitments are not subject to a person's color, race, ethnicity, place of origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, relationship status (single, married, separated, divorced), socioeconomic situation, or a person's mental, physical, or emotional health or ability. Everyone is welcome to participate fully in the life of our faith-filled community. Anyone seeking to know more about Jesus is welcome at Colts Neck Reformed Church.

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## Worship Schedule

Worship Service..... 9:30 a.m.  
 This worship service is live-streamed via YouTube and Facebook.  
 Sunday school ..... 9:50 a.m.  
 Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 On the first Sunday of the month, worship will be held at 9:30 and 11:00am.

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