

Sunday, April 26, 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.)

Congregational Staffing Update

Gathering Music *Blessed Assurance* arr. David Arivett

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Alleluia!

The Holy Spirit reminds us: we are God's beloved.

Thus we gather with open hearts to remember the words of Jesus:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

"Abide in me."

"Love one another."

This is the day the Lord has made—

and this is the life Christ has redeemed.

Come, Holy Spirit—teach us, remind us, renew us.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 26 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Lauda Anima

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

What a blessing to remember your goodness, grace and glory! Yet not all our remembering is what it ought to be. We recall what wounds us more readily than what heals us. We rehearse old grievances and hold tightly to what we should release. We recycle a litany of woes. Release us from these and focus us on the blessings of life instead. Forgive us, we pray...personal prayers of confession continue in silence

Assurance of Forgiveness and 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 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ..arr. Lloyd Larson

*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 *(from the Belhar Confession)*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for his Church by his Word and his Spirit, as He has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian Church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family... This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,

are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name;

are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 14:15-26

Sermon Scott Brown

Remembering What We Forgot We Knew

Hymn *(projected)* *Remember and Rejoice* St. Thomas
(text by Ruth Duck)

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

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 656 *Make Me a Blessing* (stanzas 1 and 2) Schuler

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Sending Music *Wade in the Water* arr. Andy Clark

A Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

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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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