

Hurley Reformed Church
Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023, 6:30 pm

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN: #51, “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

All: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you
disquieted within me?

All: **Hope in God; for we shall praise him, our help and our God.**

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love;

All: **according to your great compassion blot out our
transgressions.**

Leader: Wash away our iniquity

All: **And cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;

All: **You teach us wisdom in the inmost place**

Leader: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit
within us.

All: **Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit
from us.**

Leader: Restore us to the joy of your salvation

All: **And grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Q & A 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own but belong body and soul in life and
in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Christ has fully
paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me
free from all the power of the devil. He also watches over
me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things
must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to
him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and
makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to
live for him**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (pg 732)

New Testament: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (pg781)

SERMON: *“Doing Things Better”*

SHARING OF THE ASHES

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: #239, **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTUDE



Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

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Welcome

*May the doors of this church be wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Father's care;
and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

#51, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer:
Hither by Thy great help I've come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my yielded heart to Thee.
Let me know Thee in Thy fullness;
Guide me by Thy mighty hand
Till, transformed, in Thine own image,
In Thy presence I shall stand.

#239, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

