

Hurley Reformed Church  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 2023; 10:00am

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

**All: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches the clouds.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #460 "Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious Lord, our sins are too heavy to carry, and too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past which we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING (From the Heidelberg Catechism 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.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

**All: and set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

Leader: 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,

**All: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

Leader: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

**All: Assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

\*GLORIA PATRI [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM-Benjamin Chapman

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #554 "It Is Well with My Soul"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15 (pg.37)

New Testament: Matthew 15:21-28 (pg.791)

SERMON:

"A Heart Which Never Hardens"

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #124 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church!**

With joy we welcome your presence among us today. Let the words of the psalmist set the tone of our worship: "Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name--joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:4-5 NSRV)

**In Person and Zoom Worship** happens at 10am!

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Jeanne Quenser and Bill Baldinger.

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to The Chapman Family for providing them.

**Flowers on the Alter** are provided Lee Gable

**Leading us in song** is Joyce Pollard

**Mission of the month-** School Supplies with Peoples Place

**Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:**

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin, Teresa Decker-please pray for her; David Kent is in Tenbroek.

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.



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Rev. Charles E. Stickley, *Pastor Emeritus*

**Stickley Gardens Columbarium . . .** A sacred place of beauty and contemplation.

*(Located on the south lawn of the church.)*

The lone candle on the chancel is our Peace Candle. It represents this church's support for the men and women in military service, and our prayer that one day we will live in a world where their sacrifice is no longer needed.

**Hurley Reformed Church**  
Hurley, New York

The Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich  
Minister of Word and Sacrament

*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*

## #460 Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, Bright Heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## #554 It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain*

*It is well (it is well)*

*With my soul. (with my soul)*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

*Refrain*

My sin, o the bliss of this glorious tho't  
My sin, not in part, but the whole- Is nailed to  
His cross, and I bear it no more!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend.  
Even so- it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

## #124 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.  
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O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.  
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8W Main St. Apt 277  
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Dave Sartorius  
63 Deer Ridge Dr.  
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