

Hurley Reformed Church  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 27, 2023; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us and we are his.

**All: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues to all generations.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #298 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of our many blessings, we come to you with penitent and contrite hearts. We have sinned against you, and our neighbors. In our daily lives we have done our own will and not yours. We have disliked and even hated our neighbor. Forgive us Lord, and help us. Help us to live free from sins and the many temptations which we face in our lives. Guide our steps and strengthen our will to serve you. In your name we pray, 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 Psalm 124)

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side -- let Israel now say --

**All: if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our**

**enemies attacked us,**

Leader: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

**All: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**

Leader: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**All: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #677 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (pg.43)

New Testament: Romans 12:1-8 (pg.918)

SERMON:

“When Transformation Comes From God”

**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: #685 “For All the Saints”

\*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 Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley.

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments!

**Flowers on the Alter**

**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; David Kent is in Tenbroek; Shirley Burns

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, [HurleyReformedChurch.org](http://HurleyReformedChurch.org).

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### Hurley Reformed Church

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### Staff

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### Consistory 2023

#### Elders

Dennis Croswell, *Property & Maintenance*

Marilyn More

Glenn Decker, *Senior Elder*

Lisa Longto, *Clerk*

Linda Moon, *Missions*

Bill Baldinger

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas, *Finance*

Lee Gable

Jeanne Quenzer, *Program & Activities*

Aileen Helsely, *Youth Ministry*

Dino Sumerano, *Worship*

Robert Kindt, *IT*

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*

## #298 Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own- soul, heart and strength, and mind!  
I see Thy cross- there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh.  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove-  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

## #677 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

## #685 For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed;  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Thro' gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Announcements- August 27, 2023

**The mission for the month of August** is to collect money to purchase school supplies for backpacks to be distributed by Peoples Place. Barrington, NH 03825

**In search of singers!** St. James United Methodist Church is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is in need of singers for the event on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, please contact Lonnie at 914-552-5325 if you are interested.

**Condolences** to the Giles Family on the passing of David.  
Gretchen Giles  
8W Main St. Apt 277  
Groton, MA 01450

**Condolences** to the Sartorius Family on the passing of Barbara. Her celebration of life is planned for Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 12pm at the Hurley Reformed Church.  
Dave Sartorius  
63 Deer Ridge Dr.  
Barrington, NH 03825

**The Sartorius family** would like to ask of those attending Barbara's memorial service on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September and also attending the luncheon after to let them know for the purposes of planning. Please let either Barb Hornbeck or Rev Bill know if you plan on attending.

**Some wonderful news to share-**Rev. Stickleby been chosen by the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce to receive the prestigious Len Cane Heart of Ulster County Award in appreciation of his many years of service to the people of Ulster County. He will be honored at the Annual Business Recognition Awards Celebration on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Diamond Mills Hotel in Saugerties. Tickets are available by contacting the Chamber Office--845-338-5100.

**Save the Date!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

Drive-Up Take-Out

# Brook's

Chicken BBQ from Oneonta, NY

Sept. 12, 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm

1/2 chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, dinner roll & dessert

**\$15.00**

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**

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