

Hurley Reformed Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

MORNING WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, in you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

All: **To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

Leader: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

All: **Do not be far from me, for trouble is near. O God, my help, come quickly to my aid!**

HYMN OF APPROACH: **#245, “What Wondrous Love is This”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

These are the promises stretching back into the dim recesses of time, yet as new as this very moment. When we lose our way, God searches for us until we are found. When we hurt others, God brings healing to all. When we sin, God forgives us. Let us hold these promises close to our hearts, as we confess those things we try to hide.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

At the foot of the cross, O God, we behold the mystery of your suffering. How great is your love for us, and how inadequate is our response. We hold back, look away, close our eyes. We say too much, except when we don't say anything. We duck responsibility and squander our talents and deny your truth. Still Jesus reaches out to us. Even from the cross, he reaches out to us. Help us receive what we do not deserve. Forgive us. Save us. Bring us from the tomb of our sin, so that we may live a new life, following the one who died for us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Leader: Receive in faith the love of God and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Accept it deep into your heart where it can heal every wound.

All: **We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! As forgiven and beloved children of God, let each of us be forgiving, loving God with all our hearts, minds, and souls – and may we love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsive)

Leader: Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised.

All: **Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment.**

Leader: Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears.

All: **Penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: (Scripture readings are embedded in the sermon)

SERMON: *“Testifying, Truth-Telling and Trembling”*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, we commit to use all our gifts – wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, discernment, administration, hospitality, and finances – in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other, so that peace and justice may flow like a mighty stream. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: **#541, “Jesus Calls Us”**

BENEDICTION and CHARGE (Responsive)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! We live sustained by God's presence and love.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As we weep for a broken world,

All: **God weeps with us.**

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who work to embody your kingdom,

All: **God gives thanks with us.**

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

All: **God struggles with us.**

Leader: As we strive for peace,

All: **God strives with us.**

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

All: **God works with us.**

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

All: **God blesses us.**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, go forth from this place to work for justice, for peace, and for the healing of the world, knowing that you are beloved of God and that God walks alongside you at every step.

POSTLUDE



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

#245, What Wondrous Love is This

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing.;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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Stickleby 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR July 11, 2021

#541, Jesus Calls Us

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying "Christian, follow me."
2. Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more."
3. In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
4. Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church! We thank God for this time together!
We pray that the grace of God will heal your hurts, that the strength of God
will give you courage to face the work before you; that the power of God
will prepare your way; and that the peace of God will keep you secure.

Thank you, Rev. Ruth Kent, for leading us in worship today.

Ushers assisting in the service are Doug Constant and Alan Dumas.

In Person Worship happens at 10:00 am. We will continue to worship in the
parking lot and by Zoom.

Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.

Please stay in your car and wave your hellos.

There is coffee! (No dessert though) Fellowship in Schadewald Hall after
worship.

Rev Bill and family are away until July 19.

Dorothy is retiring as of July 20, 2021. We wish her well on her new journey.

We are looking for volunteers to help some of our members who are not able to
drive anymore get to worship. If you are willing to assist, not every week but
on occasion please let Rev Bill know.

The mission of the month of May is Rural and Migrant Ministries. Thank you for
your generous donations.

Deacon of the month is Chris Decker. Contact him at 518-669-1512 if you
need a deacon's assistance.

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Rev. Bob VanderLaan is
recuperating at home; Viola Updahl is in Tenbroeck Rehab; Shirley Ruth is in
Golden Hill; Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina nearer her daughter;
Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori
Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro),
Marie Dressel; Philip Greer.

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website,
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