

Hurley Reformed Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025; 10:00am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

All: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

Leader: who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

All: in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

Leader: who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#30 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Wondrous Lord, we come to you in need of your grace and forgiveness. Grace for ourselves, but also grace for others. We have sinned against you, and our brothers and sisters by our thoughts, words and our deeds. Forgive us Lord. Through your Holy Spirit breathe new life into us. Grant us, the strength to walk the path which Christ has shown us. Hear this our prayer, mighty and loving God, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

*RESPONSIVE READING (Colossians 1:15-22, 27-28)

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

All: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

Leader: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

All: He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place

in everything.

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

All: and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

All: he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,

Leader: To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

All: It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#625 “What a Friend We have in Jesus”**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 18:1-10a (pg.12)

New Testament: Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 840)

SERMON: “When Hospitality meets Reality”

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: **#17 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

*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)

Assisting with Liturgy today is Russ Voigtlaeder

Ushers assisting in the service are Aileen Helsley and Russ Voigtlaeder

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Ron Chrisey for providing them.

Flowers on the altar are provided by.

Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

Mission of the month will be Ulster County Habitat for Humanity

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin;

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

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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

#30 A Mighty Fortress

A mighty Fortress is our God,
A Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work his woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name;
From age to age the same;
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim—
We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
For, lo, His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go—
This mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

#625 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, for sake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

#17 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee;
Earth and Heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other;
Lift us to the joy divine!

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began.
Father love is reigning o'er us;
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life!

Announcements-July 20, 2025

In 2026 our church will celebrate its 225th Anniversary! If you would like to help in planning our celebration for this momentous event please let Rev. Bill know.

If anyone has an extra microwave laying around, the church is in need of one as ours just broke.

The mission for July is Ulster County Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1996, is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve homes. Studies demonstrate that affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Every person deserves a decent, safe place to live. Together, with our supportive community, Ulster Habitat helps families build homes, ensuring a brighter future that has been demonstrated to be multi-generational.

We are looking for scripture readers. If you'd like to volunteer please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

Activities this week:

Monday: 6:30pm AI-Anon in Schadewald Hall
Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room
Thursday: 4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Friday: 1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
Saturday: 9:00am Karate in Schadewald Hall

Graduation Time! Congratulation to the Class of 2025!

- Marlene Constant** graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a BS in Accounting, she is the daughter of Doug and Frieda Constant.
- Anthony Nicoletti** is graduating from Kingston High School and Ulster Boces Welding program and will be attending Lincoln Tech in Connecticut for Welding, he is the grandson of Diane Nicoletti and the late Anthony Nicoletti, nephew of Tara Lockart.
- Caleb M. Lenz** graduated from Lockport Township High School and will be attending Western Michigan University in the Fall. Uncle Bill, Aunt Sara, Bill and Barb are so proud.
- Johnathan Helsley** graduated from SUNY Ulster with an Associates Degree in Individual Studies on May 24, 2025. He is the son of Wendy and Steve Helsley and brother of Daniella. We are so proud!
- **Anna Gramoglia** is graduating from Saugerties High School this month and will be heading off to college to study at SUNY Cortland in the Fall. Anna is the granddaughter of Terry and Russ Voigtlaender.
- **Julia Rose Tucker**, daughter of Deborah and John Tucker, graduated from Albany Law School with a Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree in May 2025
- **Reid Dumas** is graduating from Kingston High School this month and will be attending Clarkson University in the fall. Reid is the son of Allan and Bonnie Dumas.