

Hurley Reformed Church  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 16, 2023; 10:00am

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us bow down in worship,

**All: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

Leader: for he is our God

**All: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #212 "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, **Forgive us;**

For the things we have failed to do that we regret, **Forgive us;**

For all the times we have acted without love, **Forgive us;**

For all the times we have reacted without thought, **Forgive us;**

For all the times we have withdrawn care, **Forgive us;**

For all the times we have failed to forgive, **Forgive us;**

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks, and unfulfilled hopes,

**God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret.**

**Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING: (Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most

High. God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**All: The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord, see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God!; I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

**All: The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #717 "We All Are One in Mission"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 25:19-34 (pg.19)

New Testament: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (pg.788)

SERMON:

"Who Chooses"

**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: #96 "Guide Me O"

\*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 Quenzer and Bill Baldinger.

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

**Flowers on the Alter** are provided by

**Leading us in song** is Joyce Pollard

**Mission of the month-** Bag Hunger 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; David Giles, Barbara Sartorius in New Hampshire, Terry Conlin, Teresa Decker-please pray for her.

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



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### Hurley Reformed Church

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### Consistory 2023

#### Elders

Dennis Crosswell, *Property & Maintenance*

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Glenn Decker, *Senior Elder*

Lisa Longto, *Clerk*

Linda Moon, *Missions*

Bill Baldinger

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas, *Finance*

Lee Gable

Jeanne Quenzer, *Program & Activities*

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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*

## #212 Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Tell me the old, old story  
Of unseen things above-  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
Of Jesus and His love.  
Tell me the story simply,  
As to a little child;  
For I am weak and weary,  
And helpless and defiled.

*Refrain:*

*Tell me the old, old story.  
Tell me the old, old story.  
Tell me the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.*

Tell me the story slowly,  
That I may take it in-  
That wonderful redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.  
Tell me the story often,  
For I forget so soon.  
The early dew of morning  
Has passed away at noon.

*Refrain*

Tell me the same old story  
When you have cause to fear  
That this world's empty glory  
Is costing me too dear.  
Yes, and when that world's glory  
Is dawning on my soul,  
Tell me the old, old story:  
'Christ Jesus makes thee whole.'

*Refrain*

## #717 We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission;  
We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
By Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
Compels us from above  
To plan and work together

That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service  
To witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
Our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others  
By God's surprising grace  
So ev'ry folk and nation  
May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united  
And let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
For God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission;  
We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
By Christ, the Lord of all.

## #96 Guide Me O

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim thro' this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art might-y;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey thro'.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee.  
I will ever give to Thee.

## Announcements- July 16, 2023

**Congratulations!!** We would like to announce our son, Johnathan Helsley, has now earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was installing a fire gong at the Hurley Firehouse. The fire gong is made from a locomotive wheel. It was a way to communicate to neighbors after it was struck with a hammer, who were also volunteers in a fire department, to assist neighbors with an emergency before the invention of fire sirens that we hear today. We are very proud of his achievement! -Wendy and Steve Helsley

**Flower and Refreshments** sign-up sheets for 2023 are on the wall in Schadewald Hall for anyone that would like to sign up for a date! Please email or call the office if you would like something special printed in the bulletin on the week you sign up for.

**The mission for the month July is** Bag Hunger through Peoples Place

**All are welcome** to join us for Bible Study on Tuesday's a 9am in the Dutch room or on Zoom.

**Thank you** to everyone who supports the recycling program. We raised \$275.00 for the American Cancer Society. Donation bins continue to be available in Schadewald Hall.

**Calling all members:** We are embarking on a special project to capture the memories of our congregation over the years. Please go through your old photos showcasing potluck dinners, Sunday school classes, and other memorable events from years past. You can drop off or email copies to Tara at the church office. Please include any relevant information you can recall about the event such as date, occasion, and people involved. We will be displaying them in the church Hall. By sharing these memories, we can celebrate the long history of Hurley Reformed Church.

-Rev Bill, Wally Cook, and Lee Gable