

# Hurley Reformed Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023; 10:00am

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

**All: proclaim his salvation day after day.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #51 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us, in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus’ love for us. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING: (Taken from the Heidelberg Catechism)

Leader: I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing.

**All: I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a**

**living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life**

Leader: And afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

**All: We call him “our Lord” because-not with gold or silver,**

Leader: But with his precious blood-he has set us free from sin and the tyranny of the devil,

**All: and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #678 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-20 (pg.22)

New Testament: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (pg.789)

SERMON:

“Groaning and Glory”

## **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: #81 “There’s a Wildeness”

\*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 Dennis Croswell and Marilyn More.

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

**Flowers on the Alter** are provided by Marilyn More

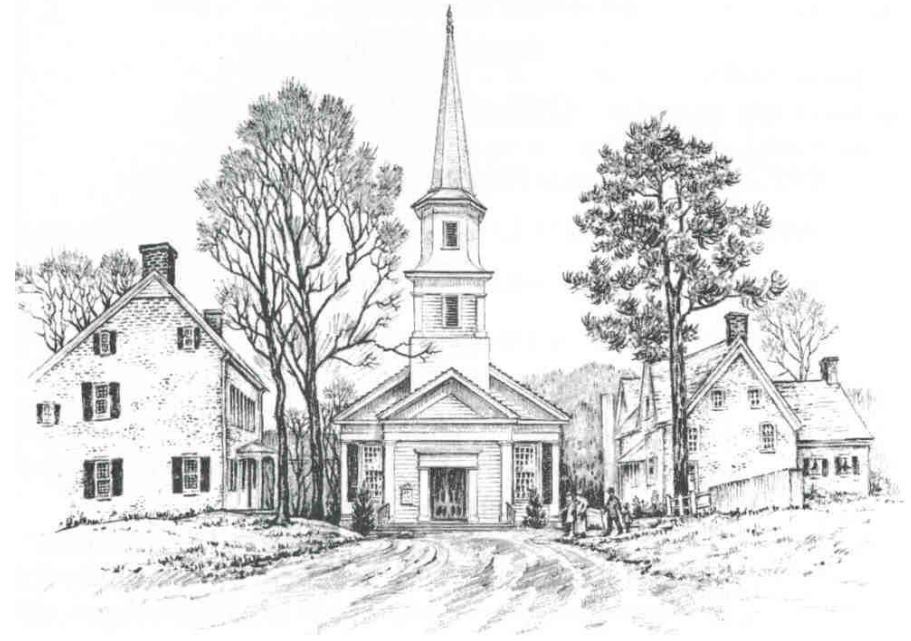
**Leading us in song** is Joyce Pollard

**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](http://HurleyReformedChurch.org).



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### Hurley Reformed Church

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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*

## #51 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come.  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debt or  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now like a fetter,  
Blind my yielded heart to Thee.  
Let me know Thee in Thy fullness;  
Guild me by Thy mighty hand  
Till, transformed, in Thine own  
image, In Thy presence I shall stand.

## #678 In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Thro'-out the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts ev'ry-where  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding all man-kind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,  
What-e'er your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West;  
In Him meet South and North.  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Thro'-out the whole wide earth.

## #81 There's a Wildeness

There's a wide-ness in God's mercy  
Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice  
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take Him at His word;  
And our lives would be illumined  
By the presence of our Lord.

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