

Hurley Reformed Church  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 2024; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house  
will be set over all other mountains,  
Raised high above all hills.  
Nations will stream towards it and many people will say,  
**All: Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways,  
and that we may walk in his paths.**

Leader: Instruction comes from Jerusalem,  
**All: The Word of the Lord, from Zion.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #696 "I Love to Tell the Story"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Great God of grace, you have sent us Jesus, the light of the world. But we  
chosen darkness and cling to the things that hide the light of your love.  
We ignore your light, preferring instead to stumble through our lives in  
darkness. In this season of Lent, help us Lord, to see your light. Help us to  
walk in it and to guide others towards it. Give us the strength to cling to  
the brightness of your love. In your holy 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

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,  
From Bethany to Jerusalem, From then to now,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted,  
To comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,  
To cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: to carry the cross, to lead the way,  
To shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #233 "The Old Rugged Cross"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 51:1-12 (pg.458)  
New Testament: Hebrews 5:5-10 (pg.975)

SERMON: "Bridging the Gap"

**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: #436 "(The Solid Rock) My Hope is Built on  
Nothing Less"

\*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 Alan Dumas and Russ Voigtlaender.

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Kindt and Decker Families for providing them.

**Flowers on the altar** are provided by the Decker Family

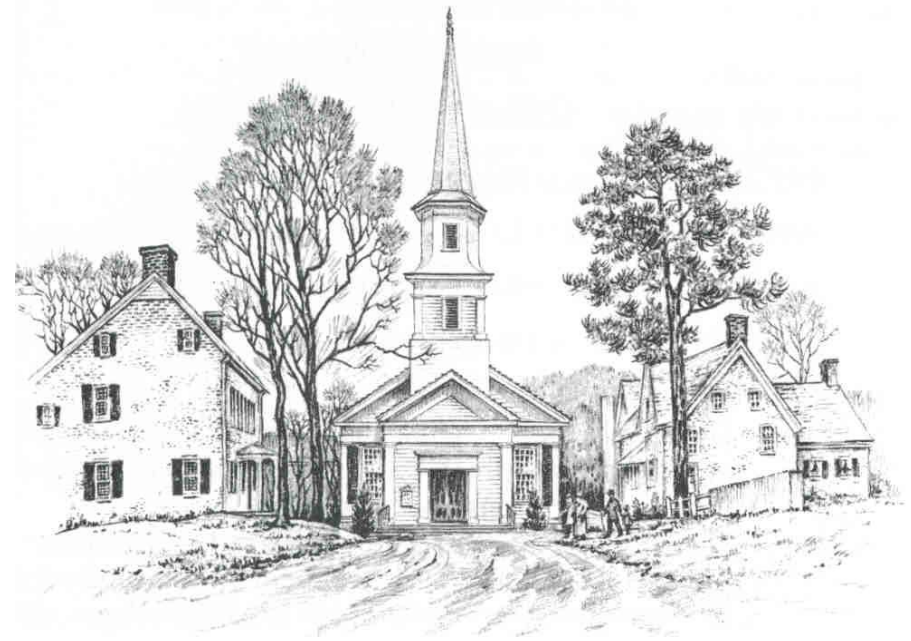
**Leading us in song** is Joy Pollard

**Mission of the month-** Rural and Migrant ministries

**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; Shirley Burns; Debbie Tucker

**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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Treasurer - Arlene Cotich

### **Consistory 2024**

#### **Elders**

Dennis Croswell, *Property & Maintenance*  
Marilyn More  
Glenn Decker, *Senior Elder*  
Lisa Longto, *Clerk*  
Linda Moon, *Missions*  
Bill Baldinger

#### **Deacons**

Allan Dumas, *Finance*  
Russ Voigtlaender  
Jeanne Quenzer, *Program & Activities*  
Aileen Helsley, *Youth Ministry*  
Dino Sumerano, *Worship*  
Robert Kindt, *IT*

Rev. Charles E. Stickle, *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*

## #696 I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true.  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

*Refrain:*

*I love to tell the story!  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.*

2. I love to tell the story; More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies Of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

*Refrain:*

3. I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it More wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

*Refrain:*

4. I love to tell the story; For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

*Refrain:*

## #233 The Old Rugged Cross

- 1-On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

- 2-O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

*Refrain*

- 3-In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus  
suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me.

*Refrain*

- 4-To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where his glory forever I'll share.

*Refrain*

## #436 (The Solid Rock) My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain:*

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

*Refrain:*

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found!  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne!

*Refrain:*

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