

Hurley Reformed Church  
Palm Sunday  
March 28, 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: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: **Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

HYMN OF APPROACH: **#256, "Because He Lives"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you came to us in the form of a baby. You came riding on the back of a donkey. And because of our sins you went to the cross for us. Forgive us Lord, for the sins which we commit by our actions, as well as our inaction. Guide us to the path you have set for us, and give us the strength to walk it. In your name we pray Amen.**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

RESPONSIVE READING:

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **We greet you.**

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

All: **We cheer you.**

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power

All: **We salute you, Christ our Lord.**

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

All: **With them, with heart and voice we shout "Hosanna!"**

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children leave for Sunday School

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament: Mark 11:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"The Celebration before the Sorrow"*

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: **#30, "A Mighty Fortress"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church!** On this day, long ago, our Lord entered Jerusalem to glad shouts of "Hosanna!" On the threshold of his last week on earth, we invite you to share with us in this foretaste of his final triumph.

Welcome to our celebration. Say hello to Rev. Bill.

**Ushers assisting in the service are** Lisa Longto and Dennis Croswell.

**Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.**

**Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!**

**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 in rehab in the Baptist Home in Rhinebeck; David Giles had a bad fall and is now home; Viola Updahl is in Tenbroeck Rehab; Carla Campuzano is at home recuperating from surgery; Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill; Jim and Sheila Craven are home; 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, HurleyReformedChurch.org.



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**Consistory 2021**

***Elders***

Douglas Constant, *Senior Elder, Classis Delegate*  
Dennis Croswell  
Glenn Decker, *Finance*  
Sandra Emrich, *Program & Activities*  
Thomas Harkin  
James Pirro, *Property & Maintenance*

***Deacons***

Allan Dumas  
Christopher Decker, *Information Technology*  
David Kent, *Worship*  
Robert Kindt  
Lisa Longto, *Clerk*  
Linda Moon, *Missions*

Rev. Charles E. Stickleby, *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*

## #256, Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son -- they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, All fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living -- just because He lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.
3. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory -- and I'll know He reigns.

## #233, The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;  
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
  - o *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 someday for a crown.
2. Oh, that 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.
3. In that 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.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

## #30, A Mighty Fortress

1. 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 us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.
2. 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.
3. And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru 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.
4. That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR March 28, 2021

**Soup is available today!** Soup can be purchased (\$8 per quart) after church via drive by. This month's offering is **Sausage with Tortellini**. ☺

**Yard Sale:** The date of the yard sale has changed. The church & church family yard sale on June 5, 2021 from 8am till 2pm. Spots available for \$15 (tables will not be available for rental). To rent a spot for the June yard sale please contact Lisa Longto at 845-532-7570.

**In Person Worship** happens today at 11:30 am. If you wish to worship in person next week, please call the office for reservations by the Wednesday.

**Do you have happy news you want to share?** Coffee hour isn't available to us so we are all missing out on opportunities to catch up with each other -- good news or bad. If you have a happening that you want to share with your church family, let the office know. We can/will publish it in the Spire and/or in the bulletin. This can be a vital way to connect with each other.

**Reopening Committee:** If you want to be part of the planning for reopening, please contact Rev. Bill. Everyone and everyone's inputs are welcome.

**The mission of the month** for March is the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

**Deacon of the month** is Linda Moon. Contact her at 845-234-9656 if you need a deacon's assistance.

**By order of the Consistory, Hurley Reformed Church's building is** closed for the duration of the Coronavirus State of Emergency. Only essential workers (as defined by the state of emergency) are allowed in the building. Apologies for the inconvenience. Your safety and health are the greatest priority. Be safe.

The **bathroom** is available during services for urgent situations only. If you use the bathroom, please sanitize with the Clorox wipes found in the unisex rest room.

**Bulletin:** If you need a bulletin mailed to you, please let Dorothy know by Tuesday. Include your address and other pertinent information.