

Hurley Reformed Church  
Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024; 7:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**All: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #250 "Were You There?"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God, on Christmas we celebrate the birth of your Son. Today we come singing praises for his resurrection. For this gift of new life we thank you. But we ask your forgiveness for those sins which we have committed by our thoughts, words and deeds. Help us Lord to serve you and your kingdom in the days ahead. 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: Eternal God, your Word declares that the love which is laid down in faith will be raised and produce a great harvest. This we celebrate as we proclaim:

**All: Christ has Died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: We remember and praise you for those who have gone before us in this age and every age. Their lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground; yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

**All: Christ has Died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: We pray for your Church throughout the world and for that part to which we belong, and it may be ready to spend and to be spent in your service, that the love of self-preservation may be set aside, that the sacrifice you ask may be embraced joyfully, and that through all it may proclaim:

**All: Christ has Died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: In silence we surrender ourselves and all that we count important to your will and purpose. For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection if we do not have the fellowship of his sufferings. And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest if we do not sow the seeds of the Kingdom. In us and through us, may your Spirit proclaim:

**All: Christ has Died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #256 "Because he Lives"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg.565)

New Testament: John 20:1-18 (pg.878)

SERMON: "Rising with Love"

**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)

\*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 Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto.

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

**Flowers on the altar** are Our Easter Flowers

**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.

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### 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. 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*

## #250 Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when He rose up from the dead?  
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?  
Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!  
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?

## #256 Because he Lives

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.

Chorus

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.

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.

Chorus

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.

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.

Chorus

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!

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