

Hurley Reformed Church
Third Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday
March 7, 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: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: **We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

All: **Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

HYMN OF APPROACH: **#229, "At the Cross"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious loving God, we have come to praise you. But we must acknowledge the sins which we knowingly committed and unknowing committed. Often in our lives we have allowed temptation to make an easy path to our hearts, and have allowed sin to make its home in. Grant us strength so that we may turn away from temptation. Help us through our Lenten journey grow closer to you. May we walk the path to the cross, instead of the easy path which lead us to sin. Hear this our prayer O Lord, AMEN

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

UNISON READING: **"The Apostle's Creed"**

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: **#73, "The God of Abraham Praise"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament: John 2:13-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"Before Anything"*

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: **#237, "Lift High the Cross"**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church! During this Lenten season, we praise God for his righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience. Say hello to Rev. Bill. **Ushers assisting in the service are** Chris Decker and Bob Kindt. **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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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

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Brothers and sisters,
since the Lord has now fed us at his Table,
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget all his benefits—

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,

People: who heals all your diseases,

Leader: who redeems your life from the Pit,

People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Leader: as far as the east is from the west,

People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Leader: who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and
will also give us all things with him.

**People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of
the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

From Psalm 103, with additions

#229 At the Cross

1..Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross,
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

2. Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man, the creature's, sin.

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do!

#73 The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
The ancient of eternal days,
and God of love.
Jehovah, the great I AM,
By earth and heaven confessed:
We bow and bless the sacred name
For ever blest.
2. He by Himself hath sworn;
We on his oath depend.
We shall on eagles' wings up borne,
to heaven ascend.
We shall behold his face,
We shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.
3. The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!"
Who was and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father; great I AM,
We worship Thee.
4. The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine!
with heav'n our songs we raise:
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

#237 Lift High the Cross

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, drawn men unto Thee.
4. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
5. For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR March 7, 2021

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.

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

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.

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.