

Hurley Reformed Church  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands  
be glad!

**All: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples  
behold his glory.**

Leader: The Lord loves those who hate evil

**All: God guards the lives of his faithful**

Leader: God rescues us from the hand of the wicked.

**All: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

**All: Give thanks to God's holy name!**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#110 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Wondrous Lord, on this day we celebrate Mothers, as well as those who  
have taken the role of mother in our lives. We celebrate how you have  
looked after us and loved us. But as we did as children with our own par-  
ents, we do in our lives today. We go astray. Have grace on us Lord, for-  
give us for those sins which we commit knowingly and unknowingly.  
Lead us and guide us, strengthen and sustain us to live as you have com-  
manded, and go where you send us. In your 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 Litany for Mother's day (insert)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#685 "For all the Saints"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 23 (pg. 443)

New Testament: Acts 9:36-43 (pg. 890)

SERMON: "A Church Mother on Mother's Day"

**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: **#776 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

\*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 Jeanne Quenzer and Maggie Sass

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

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

**Leading us in song** is Joy Pollard

**Mission of the month will be** Mentor Me of Ulster County

**Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:**

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin;

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.

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### Consistory 2025

#### Elders

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Christopher Decker, *IT*  
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Allan Dumas, *Finance*  
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Jeanne Quenzer, *Program & Activities*  
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Dino Sumerano, *Worship*  
Terry Gaffken, *Missions*

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*

## #110 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1. When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer,  
To Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. The night becomes as day  
When from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The pow'rs of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Ye nations of mankind,  
In this your concord find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
5. In heav'n's eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth, and sea, and sky  
From depth to height reply,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
6. Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song  
Thro' all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

## #685 For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed;  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Thro' gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## #776 For the Beauty of the Earth

1-For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2-For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

3-For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child:  
Friends on earth, and friends above;  
For all gentle tho'ts and mild;

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

4-For Thy Church that evermore  
Lifeth holy hands above,  
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

5-For Thy self, best gift divine,  
To the world so freely giv'n  
For that great, great love of Thine,  
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

## Announcements-May 11, 2025

### Activities this week:

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| Monday:   | 6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall  |
| Tuesday:  | 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room<br>4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall |
| Wednesday | 12:00pm Social Solos   |
| Thursday: | 4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall   |
| Friday:   | 1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room  |
| Saturday: | 9:00am Karate in Schadewald Hall   |

**The mission for May** is Mentor Me of Ulster County. At Mentor Me of Ulster County, they create life-changing connections between youth ages 6-17 and caring adult mentors who show up consistently, listen deeply, and open doors to new possibilities.

These goals are accomplished through the following:

- One-to-one mentoring relationships that build trust and confidence
- Small group mentoring that creates peer connections
- Family support that strengthens entire households
- Enriching activities that expand horizons
- Access to sports, arts, and extracurricular opportunities that many families couldn't otherwise.

The collection for the basket will be the Peoples Place lunchbox program. We will collecting anything that would go into a healthy lunchbox, including juice boxes.

**Our 2025 Flower and Refreshments** signup sheets are posted in the hall for anyone that would like to sign up for a date!

**Piano**-If anyone would like a free piano or knows someone that would please contact the church office or Rev. Bill

### Litany for Mother's Day

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for step-moms.

**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who have lost children.

**Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

**Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

**Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

