

Hurley Reformed Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025; 10:00am  
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: **#20 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

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 parents, we do in our lives today. We go astray. Have grace on us Lord, forgive us for those sins which we commit knowingly and unknowingly. Lead us and guide us, strengthen and sustain us to live as you have commanded, 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

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

the LORD, over mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**All: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**All: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**All: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#90 "Seek Ye First"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 148 (pg. 508)

New Testament: Acts 11:1-18 (pg. 891)

SERMON: "An Uncomfortable Nudge"

**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: **#74 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

\*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 Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger

**Assisting with Liturgy** today is Jeanne Quenzer

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Jeanne Quenzer for providing them.

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

Dennis Croswell, *Senior Elder*  
Marilyn More  
Walter Cook  
Christopher Decker, *IT*  
Margaret Sass, *Clerk*  
Bill Baldinger

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas, *Finance*  
Russ Voigtlaender, *Property & Maintenance*  
Jeanne Quenzer, *Program & Activities*  
Aileen Helsley, *Youth Ministry*  
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

## #20 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the "amen" Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## #90 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia

## #74 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word And then pronounced them  
good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed Wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy throne,  
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,  
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

## Announcements-May 18, 2025

### Activities this week:

Monday: 6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall  
Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room  
4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall  
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!

**Save the Date!** No need to cook on Tues. June 10<sup>th</sup>! Brooks Chicken BBQ will be here from 4pm-6pm, call the office to reserve your order! We are also looking for anyone that would like to volunteer to help the day of the event!



**In 2026 our church will celebrate its 225th Anniversary!** If you would like to help in planning our celebration for this momentous event please let Rev. Bill know.