

Hurley Reformed Church  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good;

**All: his love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**All: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#764 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 44 &45)

Leader: Why does the creed add, “He descended to hell”?

**All: To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.**

Leader: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

**All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.**

Leader: Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

**All: Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#25 “He Has Made Me Glad”** (3x)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 67 (pg. 465)

New Testament: John 5:1-9 (pg. 862)

SERMON: “Gray Areas”

**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: **#756 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”**

\*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 Marilyn More and Wally Cook

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to The Appleyard-Pekich Family for providing them.

**Flowers on the altar** are provided by

**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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### Hurley Reformed Church

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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*

## #764 Eternal Father Strong to Save

1- Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own  
appointed limits keep; O hear us when  
we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

2- O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er  
which our traffic runs amain By mountain pass  
or valley low: Whenever, Lord, our brethren  
go, Protect them by Thy guarding hand From  
ev'ry peril on the land.

3- O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread  
abroad the firmament: O Wind of Heaven, by  
Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry  
peril in the air.

4- O Trinity of love and pow'r, our brethren shield in  
danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them where so e'er they go.  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

## #25 He Has Made Me Glad(3x)

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad; He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad.

## #756 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible, swift sword.  
His truth is marching on

*Refrain:*

*Glory, glory Hallelujah  
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His truth is marching on*

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps.  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.  
His day is marching on.

*Refrain:*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet! Our  
God is marching on

*Refrain:*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

*Refrain:*

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