

Hurley Reformed Church
Fourth Sunday after Easter
May 3, 2026; 10am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

All: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

All: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

All: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

All: Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!

Leader: May his peace and presence be known to you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#44 "Great is thy Faithfulness"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we come from many places in our world and in lives. We have seen your hands at work in our lives in great and grand ways and in small tiny ones. But we have sought our own paths and done our own will. Forgive us Lord for those times and ways we have gone astray. Help us, and guide us Lord. May we live in ways which bring glory to you and serve your kingdom both in this world and the next. 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 The Apostles 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.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#606 "In the Garden"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (pg. 446)

New Testament: Acts 7:55-60 (pg. 888)

SERMON: "Even on a Very Bad Day"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: **#17 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

*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)

Assisting with Liturgy today is

Ushers assisting in the service are Maggie Sass and Aileen Helsley

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments. Today we are having our All Church Birthday Party.

Flowers on the altar are provided by

Leading us in song is Jeff Seitz

Mission of the month will be the Mental Health Association in Ulster County

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; Marilyn and the More Family

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.

Serving God & Neighbor
Since 1801



Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

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 Serv

#44 Great is they Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Refrain:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with tenthousand beside!

Refrain:

#606 In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I stayed in the garden with Him
Though the night around me is falling,
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
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#17 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee;
Earth and Heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other;
Lift us to the joy divine!

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began.
Father love is reigning o'er us;
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life!

Announcements-May 3, 2026

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4:40pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
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1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
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The Mission for May is the Mental Health Association in Ulster County. May is designated as Mental Health Awareness Month (founded by Mental Health America in 1949) to raise awareness about mental health conditions, reduce associated stigma, and promote education, early intervention, and treatment access for all. It serves to remind the public that mental health is crucial for overall well-being and that, with 1 in 5 adults experiencing mental illness, no one is alone.

In our basket at the top of the stairs we will collect individually packaged snacks such as fruit snacks and granola bars etc for People's Place summer back pack program for children.

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Spring Cleanup Day- May 16th at 9am

Upcoming Events:

-All Church Birthday Party Coffee Hour-TODAY!!
-225th Community celebration-May 30th from 10am-2pm
-225th Worship Celebration June 7th-During normal worship
-June 9th-Brooks BBQ
-Salad Share-June 14th
-Church Cookout- August 30th after Worship

Please remember to fill out and hand in your family profile form. This will help us keep our system updated with your most current information. Forms can be found in the Narthex and the monthly Spire. Please see Jeanne Quenzer during coffee hour with any questions.

Pray Chain-If you have any updates for our prayer chain please contact Pat Baker; 845-331-2556 or pbaker727@yahoo.com

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