

Hurley Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

MORNING WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

INTROIT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: **#596, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to you seeking your forgiveness. We have sinned against you and others by our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. We have preferred our ways to yours, and have consistently allowed ourselves to go astray. Forgive us and restore us, Lord, so that we might serve you all of our days. Amen.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

*RESPONSIVE READING: **The Apostles' 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: **#298, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Acts 2:42-47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"The Way Things Were"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

[Please sign and pass the blue fellowship pads found at the end of each pew.]

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: **#668, "The Church's One Foundation"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning. You're warmly welcomed to our church. We love to see you here. We want you to know the love of God and feel His presence near. For you are so special to the Lord and special to us, too. Your life has significance, and there's purpose in what you do. Say hello to Rev. Bill.

Ushers assisting in the service are Sandy Emrich and Lisa Longto.

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:

Gene Groelle is in the hospital; Jim and Sheila Craven are home; Jerry Wyncoop is home; Alice Presti is at Thompson House; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Friedel Borst, and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel; Philip Greer.

Bulletin Announcements on line: Check out the announcements from this week's bulletin on the church's website! Go to the church's website.

HurleyReformedChurch.org. Click on calendars under website navigation (on left side of page). They are listed in reverse date order (most recent first).

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org and on CDs which are on the table in the narthex



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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 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.

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

#596, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
- Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
Refrain
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
Refrain

#298, Spirit of God Descend upon my Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind!
I see Thy cross – there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove –
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

#668, The Church's One Foundation

1. The church has one foundation,
'Tis Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
Through water by the word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation—
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
Oh happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR May 3, 2020

This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please bring your elements with you to service.

Activities:

Tuesday 9:00 am Bible Study using Zoom

Darrell and Molly Nicholas have moved. Their new address is 34 Perkinsville Rd, Highland New York 12528.

Jim and Sheila Craven: Thank you to all our friends at Hurley Reformed Church for the cards, good wishes, food, cartoons, offers of help, and prayers for a quick recovery.

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Linda Shook: My family and I want to thank everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, or made a phone call. Thanks also for the memorial donations in my husband's memory, Richard (Dick) Shook. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Linda, Deb and Gary, Donna and Bill, Darin and Anik.

Condolences to the family of Robert Sgroi. Helen Sgroi's address is 333 Overlook Drive, Hurley, New York 12443

Condolences to the family of Scott Fletcher. Scott is Alyson Rafferty's brother. Her address is Alyson Rafferty, 341 Elmendorf Dr. Hurley, NY 12443.

The mission of the month for May is People's Place.

Dorothy is physically in the office on Tuesday mornings. If you need to get in touch with her, please write an email to admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org. She will get back to you.

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.