

Hurley Reformed Church  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
October 31, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

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

## MORNING WORSHIP

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**All: Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely**

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**All: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #677, "Blest be the tie that Binds"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences. We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past, when our forbears did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in separation and violence. Forgive us, Lord and help us through your Spirit for us to give and receive forgiveness and reconciliation. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING:

*For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,*

**O God, we give you thanks.**

*For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over the will of God,*

**O God, we ask forgiveness.**

*For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together,*

**O God, we give you thanks.**

*For us, when we promote sectarianism above our Oneness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ,*

**O God, we ask forgiveness.**

*For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,*

**O God, we give you thanks.**

*For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,*

**O God, we give you thanks.**

*For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all.*

**Amen.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE WORD OF GOD

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: "As the Deer Panteth"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Ruth 1:1-18

New Testament: Mark 12:28-34f

SERMON:

"Shifting Things"

### 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: #30, "A Mighty Fortress is our 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 Bob Kindt.

**Mission of the month-** Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Chapter

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to The Youth Group for providing them this week!

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Fred Horvers is at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro); Marie Dressel; Steve Kurtz who is recovering at home; Ron Burns is at Kingston Hospital; Muriel Ferraro is rehabbing at Thompson House.

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



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### Hurley Reformed Church

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### Staff

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### Consistory 2021

#### Elders

Douglas Constant, *Senior Elder, Classis Delegate*  
Dennis Croswell, *Youth Ministry*  
Glenn Decker, *Finance*  
Sandra Emrich, *Program & Activities*  
Thomas Harkin  
James Pirro, *Property & Maintenance*

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas  
Christopher Decker, *Information Technology*  
David Kent, *Worship*  
Robert Kindt  
Lisa Longto, *Clerk*  
Linda Moon, *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*

## #677 Blest be the tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain,  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

## #30 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing:  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work his woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth is his name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,—  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure,—  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers—  
No thanks to them—abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also:  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is for ever..

## As the Deer Panteth

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longs after You  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

I want you more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye

Chorus:

You're my friend and You're my brother  
Even though you are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything

Chorus:

## Announcements- October 31, 2021

**Our prayers and condolences** go out to the family of Jane Merrill with the passing this week of her mom Shirley.

**Our Condolences go out** to Sonnie Howe and family on the passing of her son Chris Howe.

**We are looking for** volunteers to help some of our members who aren't able to drive anymore get to worship. If you are willing to assist, not every week but on occasion, please let Rev Bill know.

**Recycling Program is Back!** Please leave your recyclable cans/bottles in the marked canisters in Schadewald Hall. No need to separate! Terry Grafken will return them and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for all your support!

**Congregational Meeting** will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> following worship. If you would like a meeting packet emailed to you please contact Tara at [admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org](mailto:admin@hurleyreformedchurch.org).

**Fall Back!!** Don't forget to change your clocks, Daylight Savings is November 7, 2021

**Dry Goods Collection** The church will be collecting dry goods for Peoples Place, boxes will be set out in the church for donations. Thanks in advance for your help!

## PECANS ARE HERE!!!!



The pecans are here, we have plain, chocolate covered (milk and dark) and pecan clusters. Each bag is only \$12 for a wonderful treat. These make great gifts for anyone on your list, including yourself. If interested in purchasing, please reach out to Barb Hornbeck at 845-336-7910 or Sandy Emrick at 845-687-4006. Pick-up will be available either on Sundays before/after church or at the church office.

