

Hurley Reformed Church  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
October 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

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

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

All: **for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

HYMN OF APPROACH: #276, "Rejoice the Lord is King" V 1,2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen.**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

RESPONSIVE READING:

Leader: It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God, for you are the source of light and life.

All: **You make us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In all times and places your people proclaim your glory in unending praise.

All: **We praise you today for saints and martyrs, faithful people in every age who have followed your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: As they witnessed to Christ's resurrection, may we be strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us and, with them, receive the unfading crown of glory.

All: **We praise you, almighty God, through Christ, your Son, in the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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: #21, "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 1

New Testament: Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "And the Greatest Is?"

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #30, "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning.** A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship. Let us lift up our minds and hearts to our loving Creator and Sustainer. May the incomparable blessings that come from God alone touch each of us. Wave hello to everyone. Say hello to Rev. Bill.

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

Christa Conlin is at home; Rev. Stickley is at home recuperating; Mildred Mattison has fallen and broken her wrist and is at home recovering; Gene Groelle is in Woodland Ponds; Jim and Sheila Craven are home; Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina nearer her daughter; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel; Philip Greer.

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, [HurleyReformedChurch.org](http://HurleyReformedChurch.org).

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**Consistory 2020**

***Elders***

Douglas Constant, *Senior Elder, Classis Delegate*  
Glenn Decker, *Finance*  
Sandra Emrich, *Program & Activities*  
Sandra Gregory, *Columbarium Liaison*  
Kathleen Jansen, *Missions*  
James Pirro, *Property & Maintenance*

***Deacons***

Linda Clarke-Dido, *Worship*  
Christopher Decker, *Information Technology*  
Roberta Falatyn, *Women's Ministries*  
Russell Glass  
David Kent, *Youth Ministries*  
Lisa Longto, *Clerk*

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*

## #276 Rejoice the Lord is King V 1,2,4

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart: lift up your voice!  
Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!
2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love.  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above.  
Lift up your heart: lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say: rejoice!
3. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart: lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say: rejoice!

## #21 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore him;  
Praise him angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail.  
God has made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim.  
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name.
3. Worship, honor, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto thee.  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav'n adore thee;  
We would bow before thy throne.  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

## #30 A Mighty Fortress is our God

1. 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 us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.
2. 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, His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.
3. 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.
4. That word above all earthly pow'rs, 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 forever.

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*Post-Election Day*  
**Italian Dinner!**  
**11-7-20** 4:00-6:00pm

COVID COMPLIANT — **DRIVE THRU ONLY** — COVID COMPLIANT

*Ziti, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, \$12.00*  
*Garlic Bread & Dessert*

RESERVATIONS **845-687-4006**

*Buon Appetito!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR October 18, 2020

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Glenn Decker and Roberta Falatyn.  
**Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.**  
**Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!**

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for November 15, 2020 after worship. It will be a Zoom meeting. Contact Rev Bill or the office for invitation.

**Rev Bill will be** available for visits (with social distancing protocols). Contact the church to request a visit.

**Pecans have arrived.** They can be picked up at Sandy Emrich's van or by contacting her to arrange pick up at 845-687-4006....thanks.

**Greetings from REV...** I want to thank all of you for the abundance of your cards, prayers and well wishes in my recent hip surgery. It was a little more than expected but I am now on the mend doing my Physical Therapy and walking as much as I can with a walker or my two trusty canes. Been mostly "uphill" but I think I can see the end in sight with my many friends like all of you... my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Keep me in your prayers for Therapy yet to come... can't tell which is hardest... operation or therapy.... 'REV.'

**Do you have happy news you want to share?** Coffee hour isn't available to us so we are all missing out on opportunities to catch up with each other -- good news or bad. If you have a happening that you want to share with your church family, let the office know. We can/will publish it in the Spire and/or in the bulletin. This can be a vital way to connect with each other.

**Hospital bed available:** We have a home version of a hospital bed (electric) to give to anyone in need of it. The only requirement is that you come pick it up at Sunset Terrace in Hurley. Please contact us if you are interested -- Gretchen Giles 339-3611.

**The mission of the month** for October is the Alzheimer's Association.

**Deacon of the month** is Russ Glass. Contact him at 845- 338-7437 if you need a deacon's assistance.

**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.

The **bathroom** is available during services for urgent situations only. If you use the bathroom, please sanitize with the chlorox wipes found in the unisex rest room.

**Bulletin:** If you need a bulletin mailed to you, please let Dorothy know by Tuesday. Include your address and other pertinent information.

## HRC Giving Tree

COVID SAFE GIVING — 2020

We will be supporting the  
**Myer Elementary School** again this year.  
Our contact, Karen Waligurski (the school nurse),  
has requested that we provide **gift cards only**.  
*(Karen will make sure that the cards get to the families in need.)*

Please purchase your cards from where you are comfortable shopping during these COVID times.

<u>Suggested Stores:</u>		<u>Suggested Amount:</u>
ShopRite	CVS	\$10.00
Hannaford	Walgreens	\$15.00
ALDI	Walmart	\$20.00
Target	Stewarts	\$25.00

Please put your card(s) in an **envelope marked Giving Tree** and drop them in the offering basket or send them to the church with your offering.  
Please make sure the \$ amount on the card is indicated.

**Donations are due 12/13/2020**

Your generosity will help many families right here in Hurley, NY

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