

Hurley Reformed Church  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 2025; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, Our Light and our Salvation

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Teach us your ways, and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#51 "Come Thou Font"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Loving God, we come before you confessing those ways which we have fallen short of what you have asked, and neglected what you have commanded. We have fallen short of who you have called us to be, and what you have called us to do. Grant us Lord, the strength to be servants, the courage to love others as much as we love ourselves. We raise this to you our prayer, O Lord, in your holy name, Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**All: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in

the LORD their God,

**All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**All: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#533 "Make Me a Blessing"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (pg.634)

New Testament: Luke 16:19-31 (pg. 847)

SERMON: "Seeing Everything and Doing....Nothing?"

**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: **#36 "To God Be 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)

**Assisting with Liturgy** today is Terry Voigtlaender

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Allan Dumas and Terry Gaffken

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

**Flowers on the altar** are provided by The Voigtlaender Family

**Leading us in song** is Joy Pollard

**Mission of the month will be** Peoples Place

**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; Bill Hannis; Barbara Bondar; Lois Morehouse

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

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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*

## #51 Come, Thou Font

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come.  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debt or  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now like a fetter,  
Blind my yielded heart to Thee.  
Let me know Thee in Thy fullness;  
Guild me by Thy mighty hand  
Till, transformed, in Thine own  
image, In Thy presence I shall stand.

## #533 Make Me a Blessing

Out in the high-ways and by-way of life,  
Many are weary and sad.  
Carry the sun-shine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.

*Refrain:*  
*Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.*  
*Out of my life may Jesus shine.*  
*Make me a blessing. O Savior, I pray.*  
*Make me a blessing to someone today.*

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love;  
Tell of His pow'r to forgive.  
Others will trust Him if only you prove  
True every moment you live

*Refrain*

Give as 'twas given to you in your need;  
Love as the Master loved you.  
Be to the helpless a helper in-deed:  
Unto your mission be true

*Refrain*

## #36 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory Great things He has done: So loved He the  
world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an  
atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!*  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father Thro' Jesus, the Son, And give Him the glory-*  
*great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood- To ev-'ry believer,  
the promise of God! The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain:*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus, the Son! But purer and higher  
and greater will be Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see!

*Refrain:*

## **Announcements-September 28, 2025**

### **Activities this week:**

Monday: 6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall  
Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room  
Thursday: 1:30pm Hurley Seniors in Schadewald Hall  
4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall  
Friday: 1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room

**Church Clean Up Day** will be Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please see Russ or Dennis if you can help.

**We are looking for scripture readers.** If you'd like to volunteer please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

**In 2026 our church will celebrate its 225th Anniversary!** If you would like to help in planning our celebration for this momentous event please let Rev. Bill know.

**The Mission for September will be** Peoples Place, supporting their back to school programs. We will also do a basket collection this month of school items; such as Glue sticks, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, composition notebooks, etc. that will go to Family of Woodstock.