

Hurley Reformed Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us and we are his.

All: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues to all generations.**

HYMN OF APPROACH: **#677, "Blest Be the Ties that Bind"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord most high, we come before you confessing those times when we have not followed your path. We have preferred to walk our own way rather than the one you have set for us. We have caused our brothers and sisters to stumble. We have even stumbled ourselves. Strengthen us, guide us, challenge us. So that we can walk your path, the path of our Lord. In your gracious name, 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: God holds this world in sovereign love. He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world. He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus can live and breathe and move again as members of the family of God.

All: **We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

Leader: As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in this world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

All: **And we are confident that the light that shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

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

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#298, "Spirit of God Descend upon my Heart"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"The Limits of Grace?"*

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: **#85, "Amazing Grace"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Deb Zuill is recovering at home after gall bladder surgery; Doug Constant is recuperating at home; Gene Groelle is in rehab at 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.

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Consistory 2020

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Stickle 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. Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like that to that above.
2. Before our Father's 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.

#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.

#85 Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR September 13, 2020

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning. Thanks for part of worship this morning. We are happy you responded to Jesus' invitation to be part of his family as it gathers together today to seek that peace which only he can give to our lives. Wave hello to everyone. Say hello to Rev. Bill.

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

Sunday School starts this week! It will be meeting on Zoom. If you want an invite, contact Aileen Helsley.

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

Fellowship opportunity? Are you interested in a church social hangout on Zoom? If you are, **contact the office by email** with your time preference (morning, afternoon, tea time or early evening). This can be a wonderful way to maintain contact with those you have missed seeing.

Pecans: Pre-Orders are going on now for our annual pecans. Please contact Sandy via email **DSKCE12402@aol.com** or call her at **845-687-4006** to place your order. Pecans sold out last year in no time & they will this year as well. Get your order in ASAP as I only ordered so many of Plain, Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate & Clusters. The cost this year will be \$12 per bag. Thank you for your support!! – Sandy Emrich

LAST CALL: Brooks BBQ: This will be held on 9/15 (**this Tuesday**) from 4 pm till 6:30 pm. This is a BBQ Chicken dinner for \$14 per meal. This is a drive up & take out event. Please **call Sandy at 845-687-4006** to place your order or email her at **DSKCE12402@aol.com**. Last year we sold 600 meals & we need to go above & beyond that figure. So, please help spread the word. Delivery maybe available if the order is 10 or more dinners. Thank you for your support. – Sandy Emrich

Spire articles are due by September 22.

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.

The mission of the month for September is Hospice.

This year the Hurley Church will be the starting off point for the Hudson Valley **Walk for Water** to be held September 19. The water walk hours are 9-11 am with flexible starting, to allow for maintaining distance. (Virtual walk plans are also being made, in case) The goal is to support water purification systems for communities along the Amazon River in Peru. Despite living near the Amazon River, these communities have extremely limited access to safe drinking water. The proceeds to help these communities will be donated to the Water Mission of Charleston, SC, where we have given in the past. Donations can be made through your mission envelope or the day of the walk. If you would like to join the walk in Team **Hurley H2Oers** or help out the morning of the walk contact Rebecca Masters at 338-3556 , rebamast@ gmail.com

Deacon of the month is Roberta Falatyn. Contact her at 845-532-8421 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.

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Take-Out

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HOUSE OF BAR-B-Q

Drive-Up
Take-Out

The
Famous
Brook's
Chicken BBQ from
Oneonta, NY

All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church

September 15, 2020

4:00pm - 6:30pm

Hurley Reformed Church, Main St, Hurley NY

*Includes: 1/2 chicken, baked
potato, coleslaw, dinner
roll, bottled water & dessert*

\$14.00

For Tickets Call: **845-687-4006**