

Hurley Reformed Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

All: **But their delight is in the grace of the Lord, and on God's
grace they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield
their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all
that they do, they prosper.

All: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives
away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor the evil
in the congregation of the righteous,

All: **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the
way of the wicked will perish.**

HYMN OF APPROACH: **#596, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we come before you confessing those ways
which we have fallen short of what you have asked. 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 put others before 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.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

RESPONSIVE READING:

Leader: Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your
might.

All: **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Leader: For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

All: **But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my
life.**

Leader: He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put
an end to them.

All: **With a freewill offering we will sacrifice to you; we will give
thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

Leader: For he has delivered me from every trouble,

All: **and our eyes have looked in triumph on our enemies.**

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: **#262, "He Lives"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

New Testament: Matthew 21:23-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"Why He Does What He Does"*

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Rev. Stickleby is at home recuperating; Mildred Mattison has fallen and broken her wrist and is at home recovering; 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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Rev. Charles E. Stickleby, *Pastor Emeritus*

Stickleby 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

#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.
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.

#262 He lives

1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near
- *Refrain:*
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

#668 The Church's one Foundation

1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation By 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.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR September 27, 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 Doug Constant and Jim Pirro.

Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.

Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!

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

Rev Stickley: As you may or may not have heard, Rev Stickley had hip surgery last Thursday (September 17, 2020). All went well . . . thank goodness. Rev has been released from rehab and is recuperating at home. The family has asked if you would be so kind in sending him a card. Below is his address at the rehab:

Rev. Charles Stickley
147 Griffin Drive
Hurley, New York 12443

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

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.

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.

Walk for Water: We are so thankful that we were able to hold our socially distanced Walk for Water on Sept 19. The weather was amazing! People arrived at staggered times, so there was no trouble keeping distance. Between on line and live donations from individuals and Churches teams, more than \$5,000 dollars were raised to help raise money to build water purification systems for communities along the Amazon River Basin in Peru. Many thanks to those who donated to the Mission of the month, made extra donations and helped out on the day of the event! --Rebecca Masters

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