

Hurley Reformed Church

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

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

MORNING WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

INTROIT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: **Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#256, "Because He Lives"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you came to us in the form of a baby. You came riding on the back of a donkey. And because of our sins you went to the cross for us. Forgive us Lord, for the sins which we commit by our actions, as well as our inaction. Guide us to the path you have set for us, and give us the strength to walk it. In your name we pray 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: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **We greet you.**

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

All: **We cheer you.**

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

All: **We salute you, Christ our Lord.**

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

All: **With them, with heart and voice we shout "Hosanna!"**

*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: **#233, "The Old Rugged Cross"**

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"Little Gray Donkey, Oh No"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

[Please sign and pass the blue fellowship pads found at the end of each pew.]

*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"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

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

Jim and Sheila Craven are in Kingston Hospital; Jerry Wyncoop is in Golden Hill rehab; Alice Presti is at Thompson House; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Friedel Borst, and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel; Phil Greer.

Bulletin Announcements on line: Check out the announcements from this week's bulletin on the church's website! Go to the church's website.

HurleyReformedChurch.org. Click on calendars under website navigation (on left side of page). They are listed in reverse date order (most recent first).

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org and on CDs which are on the table in the narthex



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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

Because He Lives

Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19

1. God sent His Son- they called Him Je- sus; He came to
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba- by And feel the
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv- er; I'll fight life's

love, heal and for- give. He lived and died to buy my
 pride and joy he gives; But great-er still the calm as-
 fi- nal war with pain. And then, as death gives way to

par- don; An emp- ty grave is there to prove my Sav- ior
 sur- ance: This child can face un- cer- tain days be- cause He
 vic- t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo- ry- and I'll know He

Refrain
 lives.
 lives. Be- cause He lives, I can face to- mor- row; Be- cause He
 reigns.

lives, all fear is gone. Be- cause I know He holds the

fu- ture And life is worth the liv- ing- just be- cause He lives.

OUR RISEN KING

A Worship Sequence

Christ Arose, stanzas 1, 2
 Worship Christ, the Risen King, stanzas 1, 2
 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

He has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,
 the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead,
 he cannot die again;
 death no longer has mastery over him.

For this very reason,

Christ died and returned to life

so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life.
 He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:6b; 1 Corinthians 15:55, 54b, 20;
 Romans 6:9, 14:9; John 11:25-26a; 1 Corinthians 15:57

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The Old Rugged Cross

He humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:8

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
2. O the old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won - drous
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re-

suf - fring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the dear - est and best
trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove
beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died
proach glad-ly bear. Then He'll call me some-day to my home far a - way,

Refrain
For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. cross, the
Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down. I will cling to the
old rug - ged cross,

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bennard, 1913

OLD RUGGED CROSS
Irregular

old rug-ged cross, the cross, And ex-change it some-day for a crown.
cross, the old rug-ged cross,

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Galatians 6:14

1. In the cross of Christ I glo-ry, Tow'r-ing o'er the wrecks of time.
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an- noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure By the cross are sanc - ti - fied.

All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
From the cross, the ra - diance stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that thro' all time a - bide.

WORDS: John Bowring, 1825
MUSIC: Ithamar Conkey, 1849

RATHBUN
8.7.8.7.

New Life in the Cross

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I
live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 6:14; 2:20

30 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:7

1. A might - y For - tress is our God, A Bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be
 3. And tho' this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un -
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; Our Help - er He, a - mid the flood Of
 los - ing; Were not the right Man on our side, The
 do us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His
 bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Thro'

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 Man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim -
 Him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go -

Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great,
 Christ Je - sus - it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His name;
 We trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure,
 This mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill;

WORDS: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529

EIN' FESTE BURG
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

And armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 From age to age the same; And He must win the bat - tle.
 For, lo, his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Refuge

31

Have mercy on us, O God.

Have mercy on us.

We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

God sends his love and his faithfulness.

Psalm 57:1, 3, adapted

God's Goodness

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I will extol the Lord at all times;

His praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the Lord;

Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me;

Let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant;

Their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called out, and the Lord heard him;

He saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

And he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR April 5, 2020

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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!

Condolences to the family of Dick Shook. Dick went to glory after a serious stroke hospitalized him. Linda's address is 179 Russell Rd, Hurley, New York 12443. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal."

Communion will be part of the Easter Sunday service next week.

Cancelations. The Penny Social scheduled for April 25 has been canceled because of the Coronavirus State of Emergency.

Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020. Watch for updates.

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.