

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2 10th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Communion</i> <i>Mission Sunday-</i> <i>St. Peter's ALS</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upper Patio/ FH	Worship Service Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, August 3	4:45 pm	City Mission	City Mission Dinner
Tuesday, August 4	12:00 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
Wednesday, August 5	6:30 pm	Lounge	Search Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 9 11th Sunday after Pentecost <i>New Members Service</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upper Patio/ FH	Worship Service Lemonade on the Lawn



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

NRC Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 2, 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode, if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.

Let the first note of the prelude be a call to quietly prepare for the significance of the experience that is before you.

Announcements

Personal Reflection

What connection does the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion have to do with us as a church? There must be more to this than the liturgical words the minister shares. How does our sharing of the bread and cup affect our everyday lives as we relate to family and friends? Help me today to experience the mystery of what Jesus had in mind and let me find the ways to relive what we do here today in the every day world in which I live. Amen.

Prelude *Sanctus* Gounod

Votum Lynne Barnard-Avveduti

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

The Call to Worship

What may I give to the Lord for all the good things which he has done for me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and give praise to the name of the Lord.

Make a glad sound to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with joy; come before him with a song.

Be assured that the Lord is God; it is he who has made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep to whom he gives food.

Come into his doors with joy, and into his house with praise; give him

- There is a handicap entrance for wheel chairs on the right hand side of the building.
- Today the Parish Life Committee will give a presentation on their committee.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Samuel Bashant, Alexis Burger, Bryan Flores, Caroline Gaul, Alexandra Guest, Alexa LaBella, Adriel McNair-Jones, McKenzie Munro, Emily Wood and Abigail Wright.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for August 9 are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, & Barbara Sim; Counters: Gary Male, Jon Waxman & Peter Nickel; Greeters: Ron & Barb Valenti; Coffee: Personnel Committee.
- There will be a graveside service for Joy Bull on August 30th, immediately following the service on worship. If any church members know of friends or family that we should reach out to inform them of our service, please contact Pastor Paul or Ellen.
- Our noon time bible study group is every Tuesday at noon. Bring a bag lunch and please join us! We are studying the parables.
- The general offering for last week was \$2,941. This is 62% **less** than last year's offering on this same date of \$7,796.
- The Mission & Service Committee will be collecting school supplies in August. The back to school list in the back of the narthex. Supplies can be placed in the "Food Baskets" located in the narthex of the church and on the 1st floor of the Education Building of Fellowship Hall.
- The Mission and Service Committee will be serving dinner at the City Mission on Monday, August 3rd from 4:45- 6:00 pm. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Erin Rupnick at 852-1596 or erin@erinrupnick.com. We'll also be collecting desserts and baked goods, which can be dropped off in the kitchen by 3:30 pm that day.

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Rogers

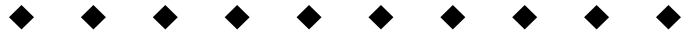
honor, blessing his name.

**For the Lord is good, and his mercy is never-ending;
his faith is unchanging through all generations.**

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

TODAY

Visitors to our worship service are always welcome. May this time of praising God and learning of his plan for our lives be helpful to one and all.

- Please help us to get to know you by introducing yourself at the door and signing our guest book. Visitors, please help yourself to a copy of our church brochure available in the narthex.
- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service. There is infant and toddler care in room 102 of the Education Bldg.
- Our greeters today: John & Trudy Lehner.
- Today, we celebrate the sacrament of holy communion. Our special communion collection is the St. Peter's ALS Regional Center in Albany. St. Peter's "provides both medical and emotional support to help maintain quality of life throughout the course of this disease; serving as a model of compassion and care." Your support is needed.

*The Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession

Our Father, you have created us to be a people who are in relationship with loved ones, friends, acquaintances, with those in this family of faith and with you. We confess that we have not always received these blessings as a gift from you. With indifference, insensitivity and even disregard, we have treated others shamefully. Forgive us, and help us to see that our joy, the fulfillment of your will and the meaning of life itself is found in our care and concern for each other and in our worship and praise of you. Amen. (continue in silent reflection)

The Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Words of Assurance

Even in face of sin and shame, in spite of broken relationships and broken hearts, in spite of all we may have done that is contrary to the will of God, His grace knows no bounds. We are forgiven. We are called back into a relationship with Him. We are set back upon the path that leads us into the kingdom of God.

The Law of God

As a people who know what it means to be forgiven, so let us be as compassionate and forgiving toward others as God has been unto us. We will love Him with all our heart, mind, strength and soul. We will love

others as we love ourselves. In so doing, the world will know that we belong to the Lord. **Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anthem *Confutatis* Verdi

THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Help us, O Lord, to set aside anxious thoughts and useless worries. Your Word is about to be read and we truly need to hear it and understand it. Open our minds and prepare our hearts that we may understand and receive what you are saying to us. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 12: 14-17 Bible page 58 OT

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Bible page 173 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Gospel Lesson Matthew 26: 26-29 Bible pages 30 NT

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*Hymn ***Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*** 442

Sermon "Cherry Soup"
The Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy

Silence

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Offering
The Offertory *Come Thou Fount* Berry

*The Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER BY INTINCTION

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Communion Prayer

...Therefore, with your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Communion

The Psalm of Thanksgiving Selection 34

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The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please note: The Mission Offering will be gathered during the singing of this next hymn.

*Hymn ***According to Thy Gracious Word*** 444