

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church's

Children's Day

June 11, 2023

Order of Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

Let the first note of the prelude be a call to quietly prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Wood

The Prelude.....

Ashley Pechulis

Votum

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

The Call to Worship

Sam Mazza

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Salutation and People's Amen

Sam Mazza

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Choir.....

"Do Lord"

Piano Accompanist Nancy Tellier and Choir Director Suzanne Mason

Prayer of Confession

Sophia Mazza

Dear God,

You are a great and awesome God.

Today we come to you in a prayer of confession..

We are sorry that we have not taken care of each other.

We exclude people and pass judgement on others who may be different than we are.

We say hurtful things and value being righteous over being kind.

We buy lavish things rather than take care of the poor.

We ask your forgiveness and to please teach us to love one another as Jesus has loved all of us.

In your name alone we pray, Amen.

Musical Performance....

"Velocity"

Evan Groudine

Words of Assurance

Sophia Myer-Veen

We are assured that the Lord our God is our forever guide. We can seek his infinite wisdom in our childhood years and throughout the course of our lifetime. He's always at work in the world and in our lives. Put your trust in the Lord and he will direct your steps. Receive the guiding love of God.

Call to New Life

Elaina Britten

Because of God's love for us, this is how we should live: Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Offering:

Elizabeth Maclutsky

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With hopefulness, we give in commitment to God.

Offertory:

"Sunset Ridge"

Mia Bianchi

Children's Day Participants

Greeters/Ushers: Greg Drapeau, Sampo Edwards, Sam Myer-Veen, Owen Wood

Lecture/Liturgy: Elaina Britten, Sam and Sophia Mazza, Sam and Sophia Myer-Veen, Ben Wood

Sunday School Skit: Brayden Bianchi, Mia Bianchi, Caroline Drapeau, Lilja Edwards, Ben Groudine, Evan Groudine, Addison Kreig, Hannah Krieg, Elizabeth Maclutsky, Gabrielle Maclutsky, Josie Mirel, Sophia Myer-Veen, Natalie Persons, Vivian Persons, Penelope Stafford, Phoebe Stafford, Hailey Waxman, Hope Waxman, Ben Wood, Emily Wood

Children's Choir: Benjamin & Evan Groudine, Elizabeth & Gabrielle Maclutsky, Josie Mirel, Phoebe Stafford, Benjamin Wood

Musicians: Mia Bianchi, Elaina Britten, Lilja Edwards, Evan Groudine, Sophia Myer-Veen, Ashley Pechulis

Sound System: Greg Drapeau

Sunday School Teachers/Superintendents: LizBeth Amorelli, Chris Bianchi, Lauren Groudine, Addison Kreig, Hannah Krieg, Adrean Krieg, Brian Mazza, Sam Myer-Veen, Suzi O'Brien, Hailey Waxman, Hope Waxman, Emily Wood, Lauren Wood

Special Appreciation: Pianist Nancy Tellier, Choral Director Suzanne Mason, along with the Sunday School teachers Lizbeth Amorelli, Lauren Groudine, Adrean Krieg, Sam Meyer-Veen and Suzi O'Brien. Special thanks as well to our Office Manager, Ellen Gauna and our Sexton, Rick Wallace who make everything look wonderful!

Announcements

In lieu of our regular service, the worship committee will be holding a hymn sing in the courtyard on July 2nd. While there won't be a sermon or scripture readings, we can worship together with song and some special music. Please send requests for your favorite hymns to Sharon Rice Herbst sriceherbst@gmail.com by June 25th, to help us prepare for our time together. In case of bad weather, we will move into the sanctuary.

Please note: There will only be ONE Summer Messenger for July & August. All items are due **Friday, June 23rd**. You can always add items to the bulletin and weekly e-newsletter. Also remember, all items for the e-newsletter need to be submitted by Tuesday at 2 pm. Thank you for your attention to this change!!

If you would like to place a floral arrangement on the Communion Table in honor/memory of a loved one, please contact Sue Felpel at 518-372-0936 and she will be glad to take care of it for you. Flowers are \$35 per arrangement. During the summer months many of us have garden flowers of many varieties. If you would be willing to provide a vase or arrangement for the Communion Table that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue to let her know.

It is time once again to update our photo and informational directory, including adding many of us who are not currently in it! This also gives us a chance to get to know more about each other. Currently, family photos, addresses, various phone numbers, and emails of those who have chosen to share are available in our directory that may be accessed online off our church website through a password. Please share whatever you feel comfortable sharing with the office and pastors, and then clarify what you would like shared in the online password protected directory. The membership committee has created a Google Form to collect all your information to be included in the directory. Please copy and paste the link to access the Google Form to answer a couple of brief questions:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftfnS81jjqG11Gkl941Gj2HXoIAdRJRxv-RiuLKzLDx14hg/viewform?usp=sf_link

The NRC Youth Group is raising money for their summer mission trip to work with the social justice ministries of the Reformed Church of Highland Park, New Jersey. Monetary donations can be made to the youth mission trip. **Checks can be made out to Niskayuna Reformed Church with "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line.** Thank you for your support of this great ministry opportunity for the youth of our church.

A Spring Bible Study is being offered on the first part of the book of Genesis. The group meets in the lounge at 7:00pm on Mondays and 10:00am Wednesdays. The bible study will run through the week of June 19th. The only thing you need to bring is a favorite version of the Bible if you have one and an open and curious heart for growing in God's Word. All are welcome!

Our Mission of the Month Collection will benefit Bethesda House. Bethesda House opened in 1992 as an interfaith ministry to the homeless, disabled and economically disadvantaged citizens of Schenectady County. Their goal is to end the cycle of poverty & homelessness—not just manage the symptoms. Their areas of focus for Adults is offering hands-on help to address chronic homelessness, mental health, substance abuse, disability, and systematic poverty; and for Families they offer support through a food pantry, community meals and financial assistance. Over 200 people enter their doors every day to receive care, access services, and most importantly—be treated as human beings with dignity. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

For SiCM, in honor of Father's Day, we will be collecting Men's Personal Care Products—hair care items, body wash, deodorant, shaving items, etc..

The following items will always be accepted by the Mission and Service Committee and collection boxes are on the first floor of the Education Building:

- **Eyeglasses** and **hearing aids** for the **Lions Club International**
- **Empty pill bottles** (labels removed, please) for the **Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash, OH.**
- **Small white bottles** with caps such as those used for Boost or baby formula for the **SiCM Food Pantry**