

**Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church  
May 26, 2024  
Trinity Sunday  
Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen**

**The Approach to God**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Welcome and announcements

Prelude     *Adantino from Fourteen Pieces for Flute and Piano*  
C. Koechlin

Introit

Votum

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

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's Holy name.**

**Worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful,  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, flashes forth flames of fire, and shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare,

**and in God's Holy temple all say, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to God's people.**

**May the LORD bless God's people with peace.  
Come Let us Worship the LORD!**

\*Hymn of Worship "*Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing*"

**The Hymnbook, 39**

\*The Salutation and People's Amen: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Call to Confession:

Paul reminds us that we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but a spirit of adoption.

Knowing God longs to meet us with the mercy of a loving parent, let us confess our sins, struggles, and sorrows.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life,  
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.**

**We have been so dead to miracles  
that we have missed the world's rebirth.**

**We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures  
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.**

**We have been so concerned with making a living  
that we have missed the life you set among us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;  
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity  
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison: Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:16-17

“When we cry, “Abba Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”

\*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    Be Still My Soul

Arr. Schram

**The Word of God**

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

\*Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

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

Sermon    “Get Lost”

Pastor Mike

A Prayer for Blessing Upon the Word

\*Hymn of Worship    “*Holy, Holy, Holy! LORD God Almighty!*”

**The Hymnbook, 11**

**The Response of God's People**

The Offering

Offertory Kyrie, Lord Have Mercy

Purifoy

\*The Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Prayers of the people and 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.**

\*Hymn of Worship “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

**The Hymnbook, 399**

\*The Benediction

Benediction Response

The Postlude Finale from *Sonatine pour Flute and Piano*

Wilh. Popp

(\*) Please stand if you are able.

Prayer of Confession: The Worship Sourcebook. CRC Publications, 2004.

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**Service Participants:**

Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen - Pastors

John Moak - Liturgist

Joey Van Ullen - Guest Musician

Rebecca Benjamin - Organist/Pianist

Andrew Burger - Choir Director



## Announcements

Our guest musician today is Joey Van Ullen. Welcome Joey.

There are a couple more weeks left in our spring Bible Study on the Epistle of 1 John. Bible study groups meet on Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom and run through **June 3rd**, and in-person in the lounge on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am and run through **June 5th**. All you need to bring is a favorite Bible if you have one and an open heart to share, listen, and learn from one another and the Holy Spirit! If we do not have your email address and you would like to join the Zoom small group, please be sure to give it to Pastor Mike or Pastor Sherri so we can send you the link.

Our Mission of the Month Collection benefits **Camp Fowler** a Christian Camp and Retreat Center that is a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality, and compassionate Christianity. Camp Fowler's

function first and foremost is as a summer camp, aiming to provide space for children to be themselves, learn from those who are different from them, and intimately experience wonder and love. In the off-season, they offer retreats that revolve around themes of stewardship, relationships, youth ministry and spirituality—most of which are open to the public. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

For the SICM collection this month, in honor of Mother's Day, we will be collecting Women's Personal Care Products—hair care items, body wash, deodorant, lotion, perfume, nail polish, lipstick, make-up, etc.

We will be celebrating the youth of our church (including our graduates!), our dedicated teachers, and our fantastic Sunday School Program on Sunday, June 9th during the 9:30am service. You are then invited to stay for a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass or something to share if you are able. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

## Scripture

### Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and

said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

### **John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.