

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
June 2, 2024
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen

The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements

Prelude Trio

Rheinberger

Introit

Votum

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

Call to Worship Psalm 139 (selected verses)

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

You discern my going out and my lying down.

You are familiar with all my ways.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

For you created my inmost being.

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

Search me, O God, and know my heart.

Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Hymn of Worship "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 356

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

Unison Prayer – “Bring More of What I Dream” by Ted Loder

O God,
who out of nothing
brought everything that is,
out of what I am
bring more of what I dream
but haven't dared;
direct my power and passion
to creating life
where there is death,
to putting flesh of action
on bare boned intentions,
to lighting fires
against the midnight of indifference,
to throwing bridges of care
across canyons of loneliness;
so I can look on creation,
together with you,
and, behold,
call it very good;
through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

*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 Hymn of Creation

Forrest

The Word of God

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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

*Gospel Reading Mark 2:23-3:6

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

Sermon "Nurturing Our Treasure" Pastor Sherri

A Prayer for Blessing Upon the Word

*Hymn of Worship "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

The Hymnbook, 302

The Response of God's People

The Offering

Offertory Salvation is Created Chesnokov

*The Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

Please See Insert

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the bread and the cup

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 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"
(Verses 1,3,5)

The Hymnbook, 310

*The Benediction

Benediction Response

The Postlude Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

(*) Please stand if you are able.

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Service Participants:

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

Lynne Barnard-Avveduti - Liturgist

Rebecca Benjamin - Organist/Pianist

Andrew Burger - Choir Director

Announcements

Longtime former church member, Evelyn Los, passed away on February 9th in Colorado. Evelyn belonged to NRC for many years where she worked as a preschool teacher for almost 29 years and was a volunteer for Stephen Ministry. Her family will be having a service for Evelyn on June

22nd at 11am in the church, followed by a small luncheon in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Our June collection for Sycamore Collaborative (formerly SiCM) will be men's personal products including deodorant, shaving cream, razors etc. Food items, all personal care items are always welcome. Thank you, NRC family, for your continued support of this organization. As a deliverer of collected items, I see the joy and hear the thanks of the dedicated staff who welcome the donations. You make a difference!

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.

Please mark your calendars!! Our Annual Flea Market is scheduled for **Saturday, September 21st**. We need LOTS of volunteers to make this event successful. Volunteer requests will go out in late August but if you know you can help on either Thursday (September 19th) or Friday (September 20th) evening to help with prep work or you would like to be a kitchen volunteer, parking attendant or runner you can email Ellen at office@niskayunareformed.org. This is a great team building event and a great way to meet other church members, especially if you are new to NRC. We hope to make this the MOST successful Flea Market ever!! Join in the fun!

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone

out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵ Now Rekab and Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, set out for the house of Ish-Bosheth, and they arrived there in the heat of the day while he was taking his noonday rest. ⁶ They went into the inner part of the house as if to get some wheat, and they stabbed him in the stomach. Then Rekab and his brother Baanah slipped away.

⁷ They had gone into the house while he was lying on the bed in his bedroom. After they stabbed and killed him, they cut off his head. Taking it with them, they traveled all night by way of the Arabah. ⁸ They brought the head of Ish-Bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, “Here is the head of Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who tried to kill you. This day the LORD has avenged my lord the king against Saul and his offspring.”

⁹ David answered Rekab and his brother Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, “As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, ¹⁰ when someone told me, ‘Saul is dead,’ and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and put him to death in Ziklag. That was the reward I gave him for his news! ¹¹ How much more—when wicked men have killed an innocent man in his own house and on his own bed—should I not now demand his blood from your hand and rid the earth of you!”

¹² So David gave an order to his men, and they killed them. They cut off their hands and feet and hung the bodies by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-Bosheth and buried it in Abner’s tomb at Hebron.

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

²⁵ He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” **3** Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.