

**Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
June 30, 2024
Sixth 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 Chanson pour ma mie from Tableaux de Provence P. Maurice

Votum

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

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 30 (Responsive)

Sing praises to the LORD,

All you who are God’s faithful ones!

**Sing praises to the LORD,
and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

For God’s anger lasts only for a moment,

God’s favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

To you, O LORD, I cry,

and to the LORD I make my supplication:

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to us!

O LORD, be my helper!

**You have turned our mourning into dancing,
you have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,
so that our souls may praise you and not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

O LORD, our God, we give thanks to you with our worship!

*Hymn of Worship “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

The Hymnbook, 15

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

Call to Confession:

The Psalmist prays, "Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
Because God hears us when we pray
and attends us with power, love, and mercy,
let us confess our sins, struggles, and sorrows together.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison):

**Gracious and gentle, redeeming and restoring God,
the source of our peace, mercy, and comfort.
We confess before you the fears and brokenness of our own hearts.
We acknowledge that we are too inclined
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,
as well as ambition and pride,
which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings
between others and us.
Too often have we both offended and grieved you,
O long-suffering Savior.
Forgive us our sins and permit us to partake of the blessings
you have promised the peacemakers,
who shall be called the children of God.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord
that we may be people of hope and healing
for the world. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison:

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

Moment of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance: Psalm 130:3-5,7-8

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope; O Israel, hope in the LORD! For

with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is the LORD who will redeem God's people from all their iniquities."

*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

Special Music Etude for Saxophone and Piano

C. Koechlin

The Word of God

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading:

2 Samuel 1:17-27

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

*Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43

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

Sermon

"Healing for Wholeness"

Pastor Sherri

A Prayer for Blessing Upon the Word

*Hymn of Worship

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Hymnbook, 385

The Response of God's People

The Offering

Offertory Reves d'Enfant

E. Bozza

*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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 689

*The Benediction

The Postlude

La Boumiano

P. Maurice

(*) Please stand if you are able.

Service Participants:

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

John Moak- Liturgist

Joey Van Ullen- Guest Musician/Saxophone

Rebecca Benjamin - Organist/Pianist



Announcements

Our guest musician today is Joey Van Ullen. Joey is the Assistant Registrar for Scheduling at SUNY Empire, and recently has played Secret Garden and Peter Pan with Homemade Theater, as well as Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz, and Something Rotten with local high schools. Later this summer he will be performing in the pit for Legally Blonde at Cohoes Music Hall with Playhouse Stage.

Ellen will be on vacation July 3-5. All items for the July 7th bulletin are due on July 1st. She will also be gone July 12-19th. All items for the July 14th & 21st Bulletins are due on July 8th. She will be in the office on July 1 & 2 and July 9 & 11. There will someone answering the phones on July 9 & 11. If you have an emergency while she is gone, please contact Rick Wallace.

The Mission of the Month collection will benefit local teachers who spend their own money to make their classrooms a welcoming environment and ensure all students have all the supplies they need for the upcoming school year. Mission and Service along with the Women's Fellowship Group will work together over the summer to fulfill as many requests as possible. Watch for more information as to how you can help those within the NRC Congregation and the local community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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!

NRC will be helping serve lunches to Schenectady children the week of July 15-18 at Central Park from 11:40-1:30. We will need 3 or 4 helpers each day. If interested, please text Michele Kopp at (518) 424-3825 for more information.

NRC is continuing our 2024 service at the Salvation Army of Schenectady throughout the summer. Lunch dates have been scheduled for **Thursday, July 18, Tuesday August 27 and Thursday September 26.** This is a

commitment from about 9:30am until 1:30pm. We will serve once monthly from now until November, so if you are unable to join us at the above dates, maybe we will catch you at another time! If you are able to help us prepare and serve meals to our neighbors for any of the dates above, please call or text Sue Lichtig at (518)421-1734. Thank you!

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

2 Samuel 1:17-27

David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, ¹⁸ and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

¹⁹ “A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel.
How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰ “Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

²¹ “Mountains of Gilboa,
may you have neither dew nor rain,
may no showers fall on your terraced fields.
For there the shield of the mighty was despised,
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

²² “From the blood of the slain,
from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.
²³ Saul and Jonathan—
in life they were loved and admired,
and in death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.
²⁴ “Daughters of Israel,
weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.
²⁵ “How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
²⁶ I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.
²⁷ “How the mighty have fallen!
The weapons of war have perished!”

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.