

***Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen***



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude All Things Bright and Beautiful Rutter

Votum

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

Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:10-18 (Responsive):

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all God's words

and gracious in all God's deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand,

satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all God's ways

and kind in all God's doings.

The LORD is near to all who call,

to all who call on God in truth.

the day of the BBQ, both inside and out.

BROWNIES!!! Baking and donating brownies is a great way to help it you can't volunteer the day of the BBQ.

If you can volunteer Wednesday, August 14th, between 2:15 and 6PM, there will be signup sheets for volunteering and baking brownies in the main hall of the Education Building at the end of July.

If you are unable to make it into church and would like to volunteer in some way, please call me (Kim Cerone) @ 518-339-7504 or email me at purdyka@aol.com. Please leave your name and contact information, and I will get back to you. Thank you, Kim Cerone, BBQ Chairperson

Pastor Sherri & Mike will be on vacation July 29-August 20. In case of an emergency or if you have a pastoral need please contact any consistory member.

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!

Announcements

Jennifer Lamb is our guest musician today. Jennifer is a music teacher in the Schenectady City School District, where she has been teaching for 19 years. She currently directs the high school chorus groups.

For our regular worship service on August 11, the worship committee will be holding a hymn sing in the courtyard on August 11th. 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 August 2nd, to help us prepare for our time together. In case of bad weather, we will move into the sanctuary.

Our Mission of the Month Collection for July benefits Home of Joy which is a small orphanage in Chiang Mai Thailand founded by former Colonie resident Kathleen DeMaso in 2002 to provide for orphaned children from birth to age two. Home of Joy is part of Youth With A Mission whose purposes is to "know God and make Him known".

Our Mission of the Month Collection for August will benefit **C.R.E.A.T.E Community Studios**, a local organization dedicated to providing a space where the benefits of art-making impact both the individual and the community as a whole. They offer low-cost art workshops and groups, community wellness activities, and open studios to promote art-making and the creative process as a vehicle for personal growth, communication, and social change.

NRC's July and August collection is school supplies for students attending Schenectady City School District. The City Mission will be distributing these supplies to the schools to assist with a successful start to the school year. Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors.

The second Brooks BBQ of the season is just around the corner. It will be Wednesday, August 14th, 3 PM – SOLD OUT. We need volunteers to help us

*Hymn of Worship "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

The Hymnbook, 399

*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 Bible tells us "We love because God first loved us."
Our imperfect human love often causes a lot of pain and problems.
So we are invited to confess our sins, struggles, and sorrows.
Not to earn anything back, but to receive love already given,
and recommit to live it forward in the world.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison):

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. 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: 1 John 4:10-12

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent Christ as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and God’s love is made complete in us.”

*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 Pie Jesu Faure

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 Bible page 193 NT

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

*Gospel Reading John 6:1-21 Bible page 97-98 NT

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

Sermon “Being Love” *Pastor Sherri*

A Prayer for Blessing Upon the Word

*Hymn of Worship “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”
The Hymnbook, 404

The Response of God’s People

Offering

Offertory Tune My Heart Brighton

*The Doxology and Prayer of Consecration

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 “Christian Hearts in Love United”
Lift Up Your Hearts, 727

*The Benediction

Postlude Witness Patterson

(*Please stand if you are able.

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Prayer of Confession: [The Worship Sourcebook](#). CRC Publications, 2004.

Service Participants:

Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen - Pastors
Scott Haefner- Liturgist
Jennifer Lamb, Soprano- Guest Musician
Rebecca Benjamin - Organist/Pianist