

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 29th 5th Sunday of Easter	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
		Music Room	Youth Choir
	11 am- 2 pm	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
		Church Campus	Bottle Drive
Wednesday, May 2nd	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, May 3rd	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, May 6th 6th Sunday of Easter Communion Mission-Camp Fowler	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
		Music Room	Youth Choir
	5 pm	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
		Sacred sounds & reception	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
 3041 TROY-SCHENECTADY ROAD
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 FOUNDED IN 1750

Each member and friend
 The Reverend Jason Fulkerson
 Paul Alois
 Rebecca Benjamin
 Andrew Burger
 James Friderici
 Ellen Gauna
 Kathy Mausert
 Lester Perlee
 Wendy Sims
 Rick Wallace

Ministers
 Pastor
 Treasurer
 Organist
 Director of Music
 Director of Bell Choir
 Church Administrator
 Director of Nursery School
 Cemetery Superintendent
 Teacher, Nursery School
 Church Sexton

The Niskayuna Reformed Church Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.

Church Office Information:

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Remember to "like" us on Facebook at Niskayuna Reformed Church*

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

5th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am

April 29, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode, if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.

Let the first note of the prelude be a call to quietly prepare for the significance of the experience that is before you.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Announcements

Prelude *Morning Prelude* Loucks

Introit

Votum John Bennett

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

Call to Worship

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* 11

*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

free, tickets will be available to pick up at coffee hours on Sundays after worship services **today and May 6th** or in the church office from 8:30 am-3 pm (Monday-Friday). Please invite your friends and family. A reception will immediately follow in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and tea will be served. Please bring cookies to share. Cookies may be dropped off the morning of **May 6th**. Monetary donations to the History & Archives are also appreciated as they will be used to preserve historical church records in fragile condition. Some significant documents will be on display at the reception.

- NRC is having its 1st Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, **May 12th** from 9 am-4 pm. **Set up and break down are the same day.** If you or any of your friends or family would like to reserve a 20 x 20 spot for only \$25, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Ellen at office@niskayunareformed.org. Please spread the word!
- The M & SC will have a booth at the Garage Sale. Donations are welcome from the whole church community after church on **May 6th through May 11th**. They may be left in Classroom 102. We will accept small household items, tools, clean toys (NO stuffed animals), jewelry and bric-a-brack. No clothing or footwear. Please price your own items before you drop them off. All proceeds are given to the M & SC for charitable activities. All remaining items when we close will be donated to Grassroot Gives and City Mission. Questions: call Dorilee Male at 518-306-6458 or Sharon Thompson at 518-785-3706.
- There will be a blood drive on Friday, **May 4th** from 1-7 pm at the Niskayuna Fire Company at 2772 Troy/Schenectady Rd.(Rt. 7). Walk-ins are welcome, or call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

TODAY

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. May you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. May this time of praising God and learning of His plan for our lives be helpful to each of us. If you wish to be identified as a guest, please help us to get to know you by meeting the greeter at the rear of the sanctuary and receive a visitor's bag of information about our church.

- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service. There is infant and toddler care in room 102 of the Education Building.
- Our greeter(s) today: Harry & Cindy Kuchera.
- NRC is having a Bottle Drive to support our Nursery School & Preschool Programs. You can help by donating your refundable bottles and cans. Drop off your items at **Niskayuna Reformed Church**. The last day to drop off is **TODAY** from from 11 am-2 pm. Preschool staff will here to receive your donations. Thank you for supporting our Nursery School & Preschool Programs.
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Abigail Dranichak & Fiona Tully.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **May 6th** are; Ushers: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky & Scott Haefner; Counters: Alan Holmes, Kim Cerone & Glenn Kreig; Greeter(s): Judy Valente; Coffee Hour: Joan Peebles & Monica Tryon.
- The History & Archives committee in conjunction with Music Ministries will present "Sacred Sounds: The Historical Role of Music in Liturgy at Niskayuna Reformed Church," on Sunday, **May 6th** at 5 pm. The event is open to the congregation and to members of the community. The senior and youth choirs, with orchestra, will perform selections from across the church's musical history. Although this event is

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Call to New Life

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." **May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

*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

God So Loved the World
The NRC Senior Choir

Stainer

THE WORD OF GOD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places...

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!

Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through

Christ, our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8: 26-40

Bible 127 NT

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

Sermon

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory

At the Table of the Lord

Althouse

The NRC Senior Choir

*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.*

*Choral Amen

*Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

Heroic Praise

Crowder

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.