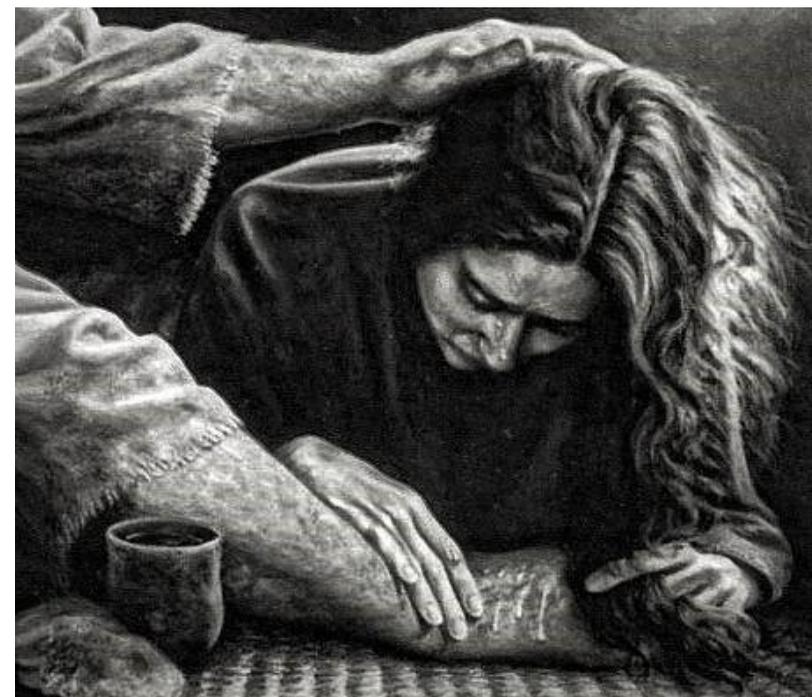


Sunday, March 10th 1st Sunday of Lent	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 pm	Educ. Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour
	11 am	Pastor's Office	Confirmation Class
	11:30 am	Lounge	Youth Group Event
Monday, March 11th	2:30 pm	Lounge	Archives
	7pm	Lounge Pastor's Office	M & SC Bible Study
Wednesday, March 13th	2 pm	Lounge	WFG
	7 pm	Sanctuary Lounge	Bells Consistory
Thursday, March 14th	1pm	Lounge	Bible Study
	2 pm		Safety Comm.
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Saturday, March 16th	10 am	Sanctuary	Bells
Sunday, March 17th 2nd Sunday of Lent Bells Sunday	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Educ. Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour
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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.*

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH March 10, 2019



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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 being inspired by the Word 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.

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

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Announcements

Prelude *I Surrender All* Berry
(In the setting of Beethoven's Pathétique Sonata, Adagio Cantabile)

Introit

Votum Lynne Barnard-Avveduti
Our help is the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship and rejoice!

Jesus. I will be using Matthew Croasnum's book, *Let Me Ask You a Question: Conversations with Jesus*, as a guide. There will be no need to buy the book. Please join us if you can.

- You may place orders for memorial Easter plants by calling Sue Felpel at 518-372-0936, emailing LSFelpel@yahoo.com, or in person at Church or at coffee hours. The lilies are \$8 and azaleas are \$16. Please make your check payable to NRC and send to the office or give to Sue. The last day to order will be **April 1st**. Plants may be claimed by donors anytime following the Easter Sunday service.
- A women's retreat titled "Got Grace?" will be held on **March 23rd** from 9:00-2:30 in Fellowship Hall. Advanced registration is requested by March 18th and an \$8 fee to cover the cost of materials and lunch. Please contact Sue Felpel at LSFelpel@yahoo.com or 518-372-0936 for further information or to register.
- A big thank you goes out to the following NRC helpers for serving 170 dinners at the Schenectady City Mission on Monday March 4th. Kim Cerone, Suzi O'Brien, Maureen Rizzi and Lizbeth Amorelli donated their time, energy and love to make a difference in their community, following in the way of Christ. NRC is blessed.
- **Questions**, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Pastor Jason at sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at office@niskayunareformed.org.

TODAY

- 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.
- The Worship teams for **TODAY** are; Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink and Norma Lovell; Counters: Paul Alois & Kim Cerone; Greeter(s): The Kreig Family; Coffee Hour: Mary Flanders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Camryn Munro & Owen Wood**.
- Our March Youth Group event will be held **today** @ 11:30 am. It will include a talk by Jessica Brennan, Youth Activities Director of Niskayuna Schools. Children and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend this special event! We will be following the talk with a grocery bagging activity to help the hungry in our community on Wednesday, March 13th.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **March 17th** are; Ushers: John & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli & Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Lyle Eldred & Les Perlee; Greeter(s): Charles Del Signore & Mary Ivey; Coffee Hour: Bill McCann.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 8: 4-15**
- The Parish Life Committee is in need of volunteers to host coffee hours following Sunday morning church services. There are many vacant spots in 2019. Contact Linda Gardner or Donna Gaunay if you are able to help out!
- Patty's Place is a program sponsored by SICM. The program reaches out to women in the city with the hope of getting them off the streets. They are in need of the following items: **shampoo, sunscreen, deodorant, feminine-hygiene products, and razors**. The M & SC is collecting items. Look for the pink box outside Fellowship Hall!
- A six-week Lenten Bible Study will begin on Monday, March 11th. Each week there will be two offerings for the bible study: Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 1pm. The theme of the study will be Questions from

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **141**

*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Lenten Testimony

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! **Amen.**

Call to New Life

Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you."

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 *No Greater Gift* Schram
The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Send your Spirit among us, O God, prepare our minds to hear your Word. Move our hearts to accept what we hear. Purify our will to obey in joy and faith. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Gospel Lesson *Luke 7:36-50* Bible 66-67 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* **403**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *To God Be the Glory* Brahms
The NRC Senior Choir arr. Lorenz

*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 *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me* **365**

*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Postlude *Great is the Lord* Nolte

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.