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	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Educ. Building</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>Music Room</b>	<b>Youth Choir</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Room 103</b>	<b>Cherubs Choir</b>
	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Pastor's Office</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Monday, April 1st</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Lounge</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 2nd</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Lounge</b>	<b>Property</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 3rd</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Music Room</b>	<b>Bells</b>
<b>Thursday, April 4th</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Lounge</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Sr. Choir</b>
<b>Saturday, April 6th</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Consistory Retreat</b>	<b>Lounge/FH</b>
<b>Sunday, April 7th</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Mission-Salvation Army Soup</b> <b>Kitchen Expenses</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Sr. Choir</b>
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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 31, 2019**

### **4th Sunday of Lent**

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As we gather together in worship, may you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. May God quiet your heart so that you may hear God's voice and sense the power of God's presence.

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. Please help us to get to know you by meeting the greeter at the rear of the sanctuary to receive a visitor's bag of information about our church.

### THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Announcements

Prelude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Berry  
(In the setting of Chopin's Prelude in C Minor)

Introit

Votum Jan Clark

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!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

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

- 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 deadline for collection is TODAY.
- SICM Food Pantry is asking for the following items during the month of March - **peanut butter, tuna and deodorant.**
- A six-week Lenten Bible Study is being offered. Each week there will be two offerings for the bible study: Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 1pm and will run through, **Thursday, April 11th.** The theme of the study will be Questions from 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](mailto: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.
- Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode, if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.
- **Questions**, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Pastor Jason at [sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org) or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto: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; Ushers: Jack Faddegon & Linda Matt; Counters: Sharon Rice-Herbst & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Ron Ricard; Coffee Hour: Politano/Perlee.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Emily Roth.**
- Camp Fowler Staff will hold a Camp Day on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and the NRC Youth Group would love to have you join us! The event will take place at Lynnwood Reformed Church from 2pm-5pm. Activities will be indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). The event is geared toward 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Adults are welcome to come experience the fun and learn more about Camp Fowler! If you're able to drive some of our kids, please contact Sabrina at [christianed@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:christianed@niskayunareformed.org).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for April 7th are; Ushers: Bob & Tracy Sacca and John & Deborah Bennett; Counters: Paul Sullivan, Gary Male & Glenn Kreig; Greeter(s): The Tully Family; Coffee Hour: M & SC.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 17:11-19.**
- The Parish Life Committee is in need of volunteers to host coffee hours following Sunday morning church services. There are still **many** vacant spots! Contact Linda Gardner or Donna Gaunay if you are able to help out!
- **ONE USHER NEEDED:** Barb Sim, the coordinator of the ushers' schedule needs your help. The ushers rotation is every eight weeks. If you can help, please contact Barb at [thumpersgram@verizon.net](mailto:thumpersgram@verizon.net) or **518-878-5631.**
- The Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for **Saturday, May 4th** at 9 am. Bring a rake and work gloves! Donuts & t-shirt for all participants. Questions, contact Ron Ricard at 518-488-1681.

\*Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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\*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Lenten Testimony

Trudy Lehner

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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 *Here I am Lord* Arr. Hayes  
*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 15:1-3,11b-32 Bible 78-79 NT  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

\*Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* **320**

**THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Offering

Offertory *There is a Green Hill Far Away* Manookin  
*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 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* **400**

\*Benediction

Benediction Response

\*Postlude *Gethsemane* Rasley

\*Those who are able, please stand.

***Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.***