

Niskayuna Reformed Church

April 7, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 7th 5th Sunday of Lent Communion Mission-Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Expenses	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Educ. Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
	10:45 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
	11 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
Monday, April 8th	2:30 pm	Pastor's Office	Confirmation Class
	7 pm	Lounge	Archives
		Pastor's Office	M & SC
Wednesday, April 10th	2 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
	7 pm	Music Room	WFG
Thursday, April 11th	1 pm	Lounge	Bells
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Bible Study
Saturday, April 13th	10 am	WBG	Sr. Choir
Sunday, April 14th 6th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Doris Alois' home
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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.

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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 *Ich Ruf Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ* Bach
(I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

Introit

Votum Jennifer Fulkerson
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!

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* **2**

- We invite you to come join the Maundy Thursday service on **April 18th** at 6:30 pm in **Fellowship Hall**. The service will be similar to last year with a meal as part of the service. We are asking that people would bring a dish to share with everyone. We also ask that you bring your own table settings (plates, forks, spoons). Beverages will be provided.
- **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 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.
- A six-week Lenten Bible Study is being offered. Each week there will be two offerings for the bible study: Mondays at 7pm and Thursdays 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.
- Brooks BBQ is coming up on **Tuesday, April 16th from 3-6pm** (or until sold out). We are seeking volunteers to work the day of the event. **We also need dozens of brownies!!** Brownies should be plain (**no nuts please**), cut in 3" x 3" squares, and individually wrapped. There are sign up sheets in the Education Building and the Church narthex or call Kim Cerone. If you are unable to help, please consider purchasing a dinner. Prices are: \$12 (chicken meal) and \$8 (1/2 chicken). Thank you for supporting NRC's M & SC.
- 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 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; Ushers: Bob & Tracy Sacca and John & Deborah Bennett; Counters: Paul Sullivan, Gary Male & Glenn Kreig; Greeter(s): Leo & Sue Lichtig; Coffee Hour: M & SC.
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- We celebrate with Ryan Autrey, Samuel Mazza, Sophia Mazza and Benjamin Wood as they come to the Communion meal for the first time with the whole church family.
- Our Communion Collection for the month of April will benefit our own mission group. The M & SC will use the donations for our "Soup Kitchen" expenses. Our church members volunteer at the Salvation Army soup kitchen several times a year. These dedicated volunteers shop, prepare and serve a nutritious meal to the hungry. The next date for the Soup Kitchen is April 30th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Ryan Autry & Addison Rizzi.**
- Camp Fowler Staff will hold a Camp Day TODAY, 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 3rd-12th 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for April 14th are; Ushers: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky & Scott Haefner; Counters: Norm Tellier, Alan Holmes & Steve Avveduti; Greeter(s): Sue Felpel; Coffee Hour: Barbara Kamm.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 19:28-40.**

*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Lenten Testimony

Jennifer Fulkerson

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

Shepherd Me, O God
The NRC Senior Choir

Hayes

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...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, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that
we may hear your Word of joy. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:35-43

Bible 82 NT

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

Sermon

Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn

In Christ Alone

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THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory

Once Upon a Tree

The NRC Senior Choir

Choplin

*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

***Please note: The Mission Offering will be collected during the singing of
this next hymn.***

*Hymn

My Heart is Resting, O My God

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*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Postlude

*Christ Lay In Todesbanden
(In Death's Strong Grasp The Savior Lay)*

Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.