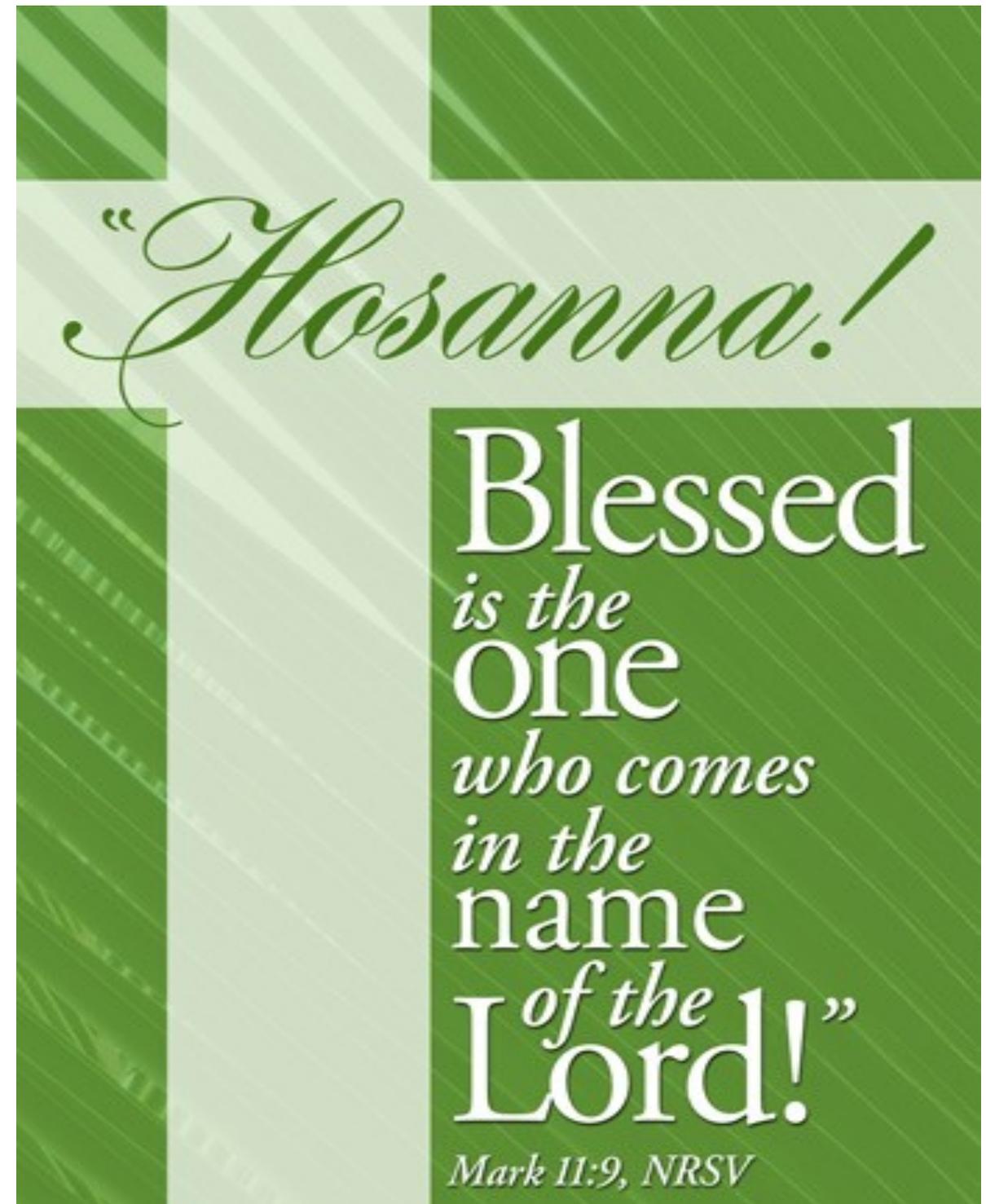


Sunday, April 14th 6th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Educ. Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
		Music Room	Youth Choir
	10:45 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
	11 am	Pastor's Office	Confirmation Class
Monday, April 15th	7 pm	Lounge Pastor's Office	CCC Bible Study
Tuesday, April 16th	3 pm	Church Campus	BROOKS BBQ
Wednesday, April 17th	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, April 18th	1 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Maundy Thursday Service & Potluck
Sunday, April 21st Easter	6 am	Lion's Park	Sunrise Easter Service
	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Easter Service
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour

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.



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.

Niskayuna Reformed Church

Palm Sunday

THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Announcements

Prelude *A New Commandment* *Maunder*
John Burger, soloist

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!

- Brooks BBQ is coming THIS **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.
- Three volunteers needed for our next Schenectady City Mission dinner date on **Monday, May 6th** at the City Mission Dining Center at 512 Smith St. from 4:45-6:30PM. Please contact Michele Kopp at 518-424-3825 if you are able to help out.
- Save the date- SICM annual Crop Walk is on **Sunday, May 5** at the Emmanuel Friedens Church. Consider joining our youth group in this event to combat hunger in our community or make a donation to further the cause. Additionally, there will be a "Fill the Food Van" canned or boxed food drive to provide needed supplies to the SICM food pantry. These items can be collected in Fellowship Hall and delivered by our walkers. FYI-The Food Pantry's total meal distribution in March 2019 was 60,885 meals, a significant increase over March 2018's distribution of 26,955 meals. Food insecurity continues to grow and more families need help.
- The First Reformed Church of Schenectady is collecting used pill bottles as part of the Matthew 25: Ministries program. There is a flyer and box for donations by the Mission bulletin board in the Education Building. Bottles drop off deadline is **May 19th**.
- Save the date: SICM summer lunch dates are **July 29-August 2**. More info to follow.
- 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: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky & Scott Haefner; Counters: Norm Tellier, Alan Holmes & Steve Avveduti; Greeter(s): Sue Felpel; Coffee Hour: Barbara Kamm.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of Brian Fisher by Bruce Fisher.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for April 21st are; Ushers: Richard Mizenko, Bill McCann, Karen Moak & Jenny Politano; Counters: Alan Holmes, Sharon Rice-Herbst & Suzi O'Brien; Greeter(s): Dug & Sharon Jackson; Coffee Hour: Barbara Sim, Jennifer Sim and Jackie Maclutsky.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 24:1-12**.
- 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.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

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

*Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **187**

*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

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 *The Palms* J. Faure
Mel Burger Jr., soloist, The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

The Palm Sunday Story: *The Preschool Class*
High School Readers: *Anna Pustay, Bria LaBella and Alexa Labella*

Interlude

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.

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 50:4-9a* Bible 681 OT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Lesson *Luke 19:28-40* Bible 83 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Pastor Jason Fulkerson*

*Hymn *When, His Salvation Bringing* **186**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *Teschner/Cain*
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 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **185**

*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Postlude *Processional on "Ellacombe"* *Warner*

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.