

Sunday, April 28th 2nd Sunday of Easter	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Music Room	Worship Service Coffee Hour Youth Choir
Tuesday, April 30th	10 am 7 pm	Salvation Army Lounge	Soup Kitchen H & A
Wednesday, May 1st	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, May 2nd	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir Practice
Saturday, May 4th	9 am	Church Campus	Spring Clean-Up
Sunday, May 5th 3rd Sunday of Easter	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 10:30 am 10:45 am	Sanctuary Sanctuary Educ. Bldg Fellowship Hall Music Room Room 103	Sr. Choir Worship Service Sunday School Coffee Hour Youth Choir Cherubs Choir

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

April 28, 2019

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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 "Prélude modal" Jean Langlais

Votum John Bennett

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

Call to Worship

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty 1

Congregational Care Committee is available to help the NRC family when support is needed. Call the church office and Ellen will be happy to try to assist you.

- 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.
- Three volunteers needed for our next City Mission dinner date on **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.
- The 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.
- 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. Deadline: **May 19th**.
- Save the Date: SICM summer lunch dates are **July 29-August 2**. More info to follow.
- Save the Date: Saturday, **May 18th** is Niska Day. More details to come.
- Pastor Jason will be out of the office April 25th and returning to the office on May 2nd. He will be out for vacation and professional development. We will have Lou Smith as our Guest Preacher. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office.
- 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: John & Lynn DelSignore and Harry & Cindy Kuchera; Counters: Jeff Rivenburg & Sue Felpel; Greeter (s): Harry & Cindy Kuchera; Coffee Hour: John & Lynn DelSignore and Mary Ivey & Charles Del Signore.
- Our guest preacher today is Dr. Lou Smith. Lou is a Commissioned Preaching Elder in the Classis of Schenectady. She and her husband Tom live in Guilderland and have been active members of Lynnwood Reformed Church for over 20 years. She is currently employed by New York State as a public health physician and medical epidemiologist. She and Tom have three adult children.
- Our guest organist today is Katherine Storms. Katherine is a retired librarian (New York State Library). In retirement, she became a naturalist (birds, mosses), hiker, supply organist for various denominations, French horn player (Albany Area Senior Orchestra), and singer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Samuel Mazza, Sophia Mazza & Fiona Tully.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for May 5th are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink & Norma Lovell; Counters: Alan Holmes, Kim Cerone & Sharon Rice-Herbst; Greeter(s): Gary & Dorilee Male; Coffee Hour: Membership.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **John 21:1-19.**
- Our May Communion Collection will benefit Camp Fowler a Christian Camp and Retreat Center that is sponsored by the Synod of Albany. Your contribution will provide children with a life changing Summer experience. Thank you!
- **NEED ... a Friend, a Ride, a Meal, a Prayer? Did you know** The

*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*)

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **Amen.**

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.

Special Music "Prelude on a gaelic hymn" Alfred Fedak

*Benediction

*Postlude "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxtehude

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31 Bible 115 NT

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

Sermon Dr. Lou Smith

*Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* **383**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory "Christ Jesus Who Make the Us Glad" Marcel Dupré

*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.

*Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* **310**