

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 & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli & Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Sue Felpel & Sharon Rice-Herbst; Greeter(s): Joan Peebles; Coffee Hour: Property Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The Christian Education Committee will have a meeting on Sunday, **May 19th** at 11am. Feel free to contact Sabrina at christianed@niskayunareformed.org with any questions or concerns. We hope to see you there!
- The end of the Sunday School year is coming to a rapid close, and we need your help for the upcoming sessions! The Summer Session will begin July 14th and continue through August 11th. Two adults must be present at these large-group classes. Materials will be provided! Sign up sheets will be available beginning this **Sunday, May 12th**. You can also reach out to Sabrina at christianed@niskayunareformed.org for more information. We'd love to have you share your gifts with our kids!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for May 19th are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim & Leo Lichtig; Counters: Glenn Kreig & Suzi O'Brien; Greeter(s): Ann Duncan; Coffee Hour: Congregational Care.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Acts 11:1-18**.
- Pastor Jason will be out of town on Thursday, May 16th – Saturday, May 18th for a leadership retreat.
- The Cemetery is looking for help this summer. Please contact Les Perlee at 518-785-3431, if you are interested.
- 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 in the Education Building. Deadline: **May 19th**.
- Save the Date: SICM summer lunch dates are **July 29-August 2**. More

*Hymn

It is Good to Sing Thy Praises

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*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

O God, our shepherd, you guide us in right paths, you lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths.

We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all.

Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our shepherd.

Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world.

Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. **Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our shepherd we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration.

Call to New Life

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in

