

Sunday, May 19th 5th Sunday of Easter	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Educ. Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
		Music Room	Youth Choir
	10:45 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
	11 am	Lounge	Christian Ed Mtg.
Thursday, May 23rd	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Friday, May 24th	10 am	Salvation Army	Soup Kitchen
Sunday, May 26th 6th Sunday of Easter	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
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Niskayuna Reformed Church

May 19, 2019

5th Sunday of Easter



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 *Sun of My Soul* Kohlman

Introit

Votum *Lynne Barnard-Avveduti*

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

Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

sunscreen ... Trash barrels will be provided.

- Thank you NRC volunteers for your energy and dedication in serving yet another dinner at the Schenectady City Mission on May 6th. Over 160 delicious meals were distributed to a grateful group of diners. Joan Peebles, Lynne Barnard-Avvedutti, Gary and Dorilee Male, Bob Cantine and Michele Kopp kept up the pace, serving tasty burritos with rice, refilling coffee cups and delivering luscious desserts to the crowd. No one left hungry or forgotten. Our next volunteer date is **Monday, July 8, 2019**. Please contact Michele Kopp at mishcata@gmail.com if you can help out.
- The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 27th** in observance of Memorial Day.
- 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: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim & Leo Lichtig; Counters: Glenn Kreig & Suzi O'Brien; Greeter(s): Ann Duncan; Coffee Hour: Congregational Care.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Alexandra Mirel**.
- The Christian Education Committee will have a meeting today at 11am. 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 26th are; Ushers: Jack Faddegon, Carol Carr, Linda Gardner & Linda Matt; Counters: Jeff Rivenburg & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Bob Schlieman; Coffee Hour: Maureen Rizzi.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **John 14:15-31**.
- The Cemetery is looking for help this summer. Please contact Les Perlee at 518-785-3431, if you are interested.
- Save the Date: SICM summer lunch dates are **July 29-August 2**. More info to follow.
- The Women's Fellowship Group (WFG) will meet on **Tuesday, May 21** at 10:00 am for the annual (new - across Route 7) cemetery clean-up. We welcome you to join us as we remove any remaining Christmas wreaths and other old decorations, rake around the headstones, pick up branches, etc. Please bring a rake, gloves, bug spray, a hat,

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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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 (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess to you that we are often afraid of people different from us. Lord, out of that fear we sometimes say or do mean and hurtful things. We engage in actions that are not consistent with our faith. Forgive us Lord for our inability to love others as you have loved us, and help us to see others through your eyes. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So, live as people reconciled.

Call to New Life

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 *Let Us Gather at the Shadow of the Cross* Nix
The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Acts 11:1-18 Bible 130 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* **473**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Were You There?* Arr. Lantz
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.

*Hymn *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* **504**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *Toccatà in E Minor* Pachelbel

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.