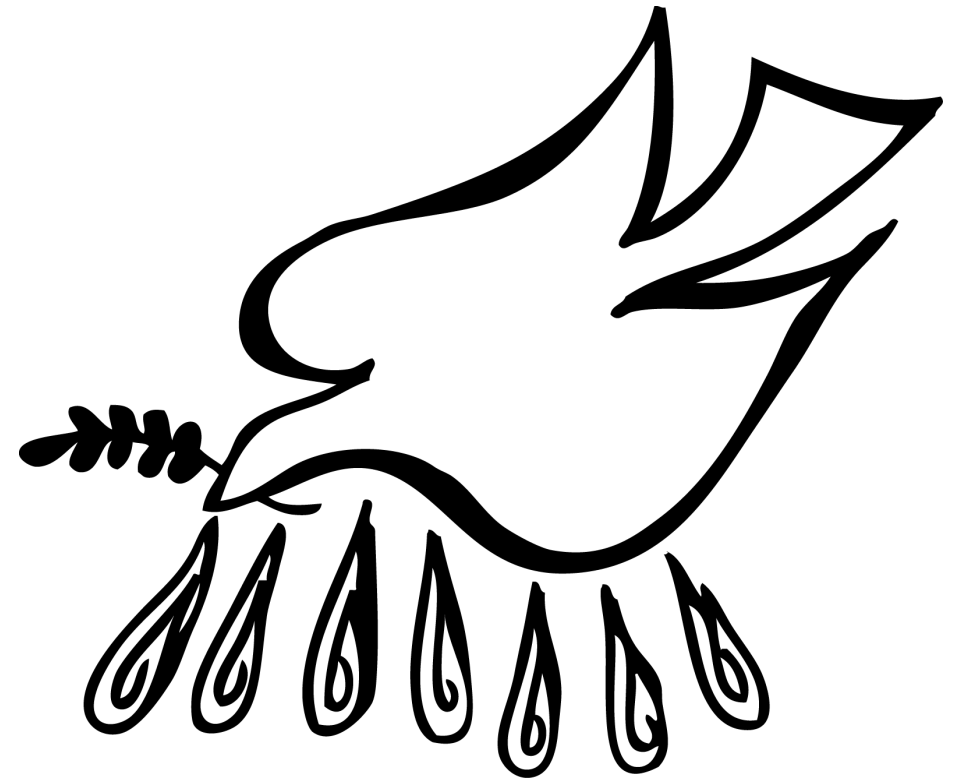


***Niskayuna Reformed Church  
May 26, 2019  
6th Sunday of Easter***



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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 *Pastorale* *Louis Vierne*

Votum *Suzi O'Brien*

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

Call to Worship

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

**Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.**

\*Hymn *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!* **11**

\*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)*

**Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us,**

<b>Sunday, May 26th</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Sr. Choir</b>
<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>Music Room</b>	<b>Youth Choir</b>
<b>Monday, May 27th</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 28th</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge</b>	<b>Archives</b>
<b>Thursday, May 30th</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Sr. Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, June 2nd</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Sr. Choir</b>
<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Educ. Bldg</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Mission-Wildwood</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>		<b>Music Room</b>	<b>Youth Choir</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Room 103</b>	<b>Cherub Choir</b>

### 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.*

Heather and Kurt have been worshipping with us for several months, and Wyatt is a regular in the Nursery on Sundays.

- The SICM Food Pantry needs our support to maintain its commitment to feeding the hungry. The need for food donations has risen as more families are participating in this program while the cost of healthy food has increased. The M & SC has come up with a monthly food collection plan-each month, we will focus on collecting one specific food item. If you prefer, monetary support is always welcome. There is a green located in the narthex for that purpose.  
**June:** tuna                      **July:** peanut butter  
**August:** canned beans              **September:** CANNED spaghetti sauce.
- Save the Date: SICM summer lunch dates are **July 29-August 2**. More info to follow.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org) or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:office@niskayunareformed.org).

**but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from those in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

Call to New Life

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **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 Trumpet Shall Sound*  
Andrew Burger, soloist

Handel

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson                      John 14:15-31                      Bible 134 NT  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon                      Pastor Jason Fulkerson

\*Hymn                      *Seal Us, O Holy Spirit*                      **238**

### **THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Offering

Offertory                      *Blessed are you faithful souls*                      Johannes Brahms

\*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                      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*                      **79**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      *Carillon de Longpont*                      Vierne

\*Those who are able, please stand.

***Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.***

## **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: Jack Faddegon, Carol Carr, Linda Gardner & Linda Matt; Counters: Jeff Rivenburg & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Bob Schlieman; Coffee Hour: Linda Gardner.
- Our guest organist today is Donald Ingram. Donald has been playing the organ for church services for 75 years. He earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from Syracuse University. Don is Organist Emeritus of St. Paul's Church, Troy and Trinity Church, Vero Beach. He lives on the Mohawk River in Latham and escapes northern winters in Vero Beach.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 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 are available. 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 June 2nd are; Ushers: Bob & Tracy Sacca and John & Deborah Bennett; Counters: Alan Holmes & Gary Male; Greeter(s): Janel Mirel; Coffee Hour: Mission & Service Committee.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **John 17:20-26.**
- Happy Memorial Day! Thank you to all those brave men and women who are serving or have served to protect our freedoms. God bless them and keep them safe.
- Congratulations to Heather, Kurt, and Wyatt Relation on Wyatt's baptism at West Copake Reformed Church on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.