

**Niskayuna Reformed Church
Service Order
1/17/21**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude In The Bleak Midwinter - Cook

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Let us worship God.

God sent Christ into the world
not to condemn the world
but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in time of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever. AMEN

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated #310

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and loving God,
**we confess to you and to one another that we have grieved you
by our thoughts and our thoughtlessness,
by our actions and inaction,
by our words and silence,
by what we have done and what we have left undone.**

Time of silent prayer.

Compassionate and merciful God,
forgive us.

**Give us eyes to see your path
and the commitment to follow it.
Grant us strength and courage to continue on
when the way grows hard.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, AMEN

Words of Assurance and Call to New Life

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us.

Christ stands waiting for us with arms open wide.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new person altogether. The past is finished and gone!

Everything has become fresh and new!

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Let us believe this good news, and live together in peace,

extending to one another the grace we've experienced ourselves,

loving family, friends, and even enemies, because Christ first loved us. **AMEN**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Message

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Installation and Ordination of Officers

Offering and Offertory-- "The Lord Is My Shepherd" --*NRC choir*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Here I Am, Lord insert

Postlude Rejoice This Day - Wilson