

# NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2021

JOHN MOAK – PREACHING ELDER

As we gather together for worship, may you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, and called to spread that love to the world. May God quiet your heart so that you may hear his voice and sense the power of his almighty presence.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

### Announcements

Prelude                      Still, Still, Still - Hobson

### Votum

Heavenly Father, we trust in your power, even as it is found in weakness; we trust in your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; we trust in your wholeness, even as it come to us amid brokenness. And thus, we say, "Our help is the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." **Amen.**

### Call to Worship (Psalm 62:1-2)

Leader: From God comes my salvation.

**People: For God alone my soul waits in silence.**

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

**People: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

### Hymn

Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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### God's Greeting to Us

To all God's people here who are called to be saints, grace, mercy, and peace to you and from the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sins to God, in the silence of our hearts, and to each other.

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God only wishes good for us, and this is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God and given new life.

Our Call and Our Duty

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, O Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. **Amen.**

Special Music

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

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

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1: 14-20

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

Sermon

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**THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Hymn

Take Up Thy Cross the Savior Said

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Prayer of Consecration, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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.**

Benediction

My friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ, repent and believe the good news that God is with us and calls us for a purpose. And may the God of second chances renew your sense of call and inspire you to go out and share the good news of forgiveness and hope.

Postlude

Nazareth - Gounod

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and

those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

### **Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

### Announcements

"CAN" YOU HELP? SiCM's newest campaign for collecting all types of canned food to replenish their Food Pantry. NRC will have two blue bins in Education Building for this purpose. You can drop of your canned goods Monday-Friday, after 1:30 pm. **This drive will run till March 31, 2020.**

Due to our current health issues, this familiar event, well supported in the past by our congregants, will have a different form. Instead of Sunday school students manning tables at coffee hour, with canisters in hand, our church will have an opportunity to donate via PayPal. There will be a drop-down option labeled Souper Bowl Fundraiser under "one time contribution" for your convenience. Donations will be collected through **February 21, 2021**. Thank you for your continued support of SiCM's goal to fight hunger.

Did you know that you can set up your contributions through PayPal? You can arrange to have your contact free donation delivered securely and safely to the church. **You** can access the PayPal link on the church website at: [www.niskayunareformed.org](http://www.niskayunareformed.org), on the bottom of the home screen. First click online giving, then click "reoccurring contributions" and the drop-down button will show you all your options, now INCLUDING MISSION COLLECTION. You can set it up to be automatically generated every week or every month, whichever you prefer. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:office@niskayunareformed.org). We always appreciate your support!

