

**NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

REV. RETT ZABRISKIE

*Preparation for Worship*

*Take from me the selfish and self centered spirit, so that I may think, not only of what I am going to get out of this service, but also of what I am going to give and to bring to it. William Barclay*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Announcements

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing

The Eendracht Bell Choir

The Nettleton, arranged by Patricia Sanders Cota

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth!

Call to Worship

L: A great windstorm arose and the waves beat into the boat.

P: BUT JESUS WAS IN THE STERN ASLEEP.

L: They woke him and said, "Master, do you not care that we are perishing?"

P: HE REBUKED THE WIND AND SAID, "PEACE, BE STILL".

L: Jesus said, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"

P: AND THEY SAID, "WHO THEN IS THIS, THAT EVEN THE WIND AND SEA OBEY HIM?"

Hymn

I Love to tell the story

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Father in Heaven, we confess that we like to control things in general and ourselves in particular. We don't like to feel emotions welling up within us because we are embarrassed to show that we are being moved instead of doing the moving. We don't like being pushed by the decisions of others. Have mercy upon us. Teach us to choose the dependence on you that is true control and life indeed. Forgive our sin. In Jesus Name. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Call to New Life:

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:



## Announcements

On Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am The Membership Committee will be doing a drive by "Passing of the Palms". Since we can't have full capacity in the sanctuary, we thought it would be nice for you to drive up and receive your palms and a treat bag. We wish we could do a regular coffee hour so we could let you all know that the church community cares about each and every one of you and this is one way we can show it. Please come by and enjoy this new and wonderful event. There will be a tent setup by the lower parking lot for everyone to get a drive-by coffee hour bag and your palms. The membership committee will be there from 10:15 – 11:30. Stay safe and well, blessings.

Due to COVID 19, we will not be ordering memorial Easter flowers. We will **still** be doing a memorial bulletin. We will be working off last year's bulletin. If you have **NO** changes to your memorial from last year, there is no need to contact the office. If there are any changes or you would like to add a memorial, please contact Ellen at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:office@niskayunareformed.org) by this Friday, **March 26th**.

Beginning Palm Sunday, Christian Ed will begin limited, large group sessions for children in grades K-4. When possible we will hold these sessions outside (seated at the benches or on a blanket from home). During inclement weather we will space out in the Fellowship Hall. Masks will be required for the duration of each session, and we will have hand sanitizer readily available for student use. As we get more teaching volunteers we can discuss plans to add additional, age appropriate classes. If you are interested in teaching or assisting, please contact Sabrina Squires ([christianed@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:christianed@niskayunareformed.org)) or Suzi OBrien ([suzinuke@gmail.com](mailto:suzinuke@gmail.com)). We ask for your prayers and your patience as we look for creative ways to include our beloved children in worship.

Now that we are easing back into in-person services, NRC will be resuming live streaming our Sunday services on YouTube. You may have seen (or sometimes heard) our stream team up in the balcony running the camera and the sound system. We will admit to not always being (technically) perfect, but we do have fun and are most pleased to be able to provide this service for the members of our Church family who may not be able to join us in person. Please consider joining the team. More team members will allow more flexibility in scheduling as two people are needed every week to run and monitor the broadcast. And for teenagers, this is a great volunteer opportunity that would look good on your college applications. If you're interested, want more information or want to see how it works before deciding, contact Leo Lichtig ([lichtl@aol.com](mailto:lichtl@aol.com))

**Directions to access the Members' Directory on the**  
**Niskayuna Reformed Church Website**

Step 1 – [www.niskayunareformed.org](http://www.niskayunareformed.org)

Step 2 – Once in the website, scroll all the way to the bottom. In the gray area, look at *Quick Links* (second column). The last thing on the bottom of the list is **Members area**. Click on that.

Step 3 – It will ask you to login. You should use your username or email and Password. If you don't have your password, hit "lost password" and it will instruct you to get a new one.

Step 4 – Now that you are signed in, it will say *Members*. In red, you will find *Members directory*; click on that.

Step 4A. If nothing opens, right click on the Member Area icon and choose the first option – Open Link in a New Tab

Step 5 – Either a box will come up that says *password*, OR you might get a PDF icon that shows up at the bottom left of the screen which is labeled *73946564 church...pdf*. Click on that, then it will ask for the password

Enter *Password* – **DO NOT USE YOUR PERSONAL PASSWORD – Everyone needs to type the following in either the box or the pdf: *password***

Once you type the word ***password***, hit Submit and the directory will come up.

The directory is for members only which is why it is secured.

**If any member has address, phone number or email changes to update the directory please contact the Church Office to make those changes.**

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office and someone will get back to you.