

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 28, 2021

REV. RETT ZABRISKIE

*Preparation for Worship
Sundaies the pillars are,
On which the heav'ns palace arched lies:
The other dayes fill up the spare
And hollow room with vanities.
They are the fruitfull beds and borders
In God's rich garden: that is bare,
which parts their ranks and orders. George Herbert*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Announcements

Prelude Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Root

Votum

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

Call to Worship

L: Father of Lights, we gather to receive the King of our lives.

P: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

L: Blessing and Honor and Power and Might be unto you O LORD.

P: BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

L: O sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth.

P: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. AMEN

Hymn All Glory, Laud and Honor 187

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Father in Heaven, we confess to you our tyrannies. We have ruled and been ruled by ourselves O Lord. We have lived our will while praying for yours to be done. We have been more concerned for our safety and status than for your good news. Set us free from our tyrannies, O God. Proclaim release to the captives of mind and heart, as well as body. Have mercy upon us and forgive our sin. In Jesus Name. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Call to New Life:

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Let us live together in peace,

Comforted, upheld, and strengthened by the presence of Christ in our midst. **AMEN**

Special Music

The Palms

J. Faure

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Junior Sermon

Epistle - Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

"The Morning After"

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymn

Ride On! Ride On In Majesty

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

All Sunday Parents--Please pick up your Sunday School students by the door to the Education building nearest the sanctuary

Maundy Thursday will be at 6:30 pm this Thursday, April 1st. We will be celebrating communion with Rev. Zabriski. We hope you can join us either in person or online.

After service today, 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 here from 10:15 – 11:30. Stay safe and well, blessings.

Plans are underway for this year's Women's Retreat about ***Living in God's Garden*** on **Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 am**. Due to the lingering pandemic, this year's program will again be held on Zoom rather than in person. It will include some wonderful topics (Container Gardening, Butterfly Gardening, Flower Arranging, Virtual Tour of Gardens Around the World, Capital Roots ...) given by speakers with expert knowledge of their subjects. Registration is now open. There is no cost, but we ask that you pre-register no later than April 21 by contacting Sharon Jackson at sej832@aol.com or by phone at 518-783-9137. Watch for more details as they become available!

Our first Brooks BBQ of the 2021 season will be April 21st, 3 PM – 6 PM. We need volunteers to help us the day of the BBQ. There will be a need for inside help: assembling the chicken dinners, bagging dinners, and transporting dinners to the pickup tables. Outside help: ticket sales, traffic direction, and runners to take assembled dinners to the cars. We will also need someone to keep track of the number of dinners sold. We still plan to properly distance our workers, which still means that there will still be quite a bit of moving around to assemble the dinners. All volunteers will still need to wear masks and gloves. For at least this first BBQ we will use the prepackaged cookies that Brooks will supply. If you can volunteer April 21st, please call me @ 518-339-7504 or email me at purdyka@aol.com. If you are unable to volunteer, the best way you can help us is to swing in and purchase a great meal.

Dinners (half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll/butter, and cookie): \$12.00

Half Chicken only: \$8.00

Directions to access the Members' Directory on the

Niskayuna Reformed Church Website

Step 1 – 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.