

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
MARCH 7, 2021
THE REV. JONATHAN VANDERBECK

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 I Surrender All (In the setting of Beethoven's Sonata No. 8, "Pathetique")
Winfield S. Weeden/Cindy Berry

Votum

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

Call to Worship*

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**We commune with Christians around the world,
with Christians throughout time.**

With Christians across geography and across time,

Let us worship!

Hymn How Great Thou Art (INSERT)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Everloving and merciful God. In this journey into Lent, we are reminded again of the brokenness of the world around us. We confess our need for you in these uncertain times, acknowledging when we've gone astray. Help us not be given over to despair, but help us cling to hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all

**God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember...
...together we proclaim the mystery of the faith

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...
...even so, come Lord Jesus!

The Words of Institution

Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Doxology

Prayer of Consecration, 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

Go out into the world in peace.

Give no person evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

honor all people.

May the blessings of God:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

be with you now and always.

Postlude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus - James Mansfield/Frederick C. Maker

Announcements

Today's service will be uploaded to the NRC channel later today. Please subscribe to Niskayuna Reformed Church on YouTube to see all our services. You can also access the service on the front page of the church website. Just click "watch the 9:30 am service". This will be posted by Monday morning and will stay on the for the entire week.

Thank you, NRC family! We donated 80 pounds of food items to the SiCM food pantry on Wednesday March 3. It was much appreciated! "Can You Help" collection will continue through March 31st.

We love appreciating the musical talents of our congregation and zoom allows us to enjoy the gifts that others have to offer! If you are interested in recording and sharing a musical contribution, please contact Ellen at office@niskayunareformed.org and we will get you scheduled for one of our services! You can share music by recording a video of your piece, or you could perform live if you want (but please set up a sound check with us in advance to make sure this goes smoothly)! If you would like piano accompaniment, Rebecca is happy to make a recording and send you a track to use, as long as you send her sheet music.

Our Mission of the Month Collection for March will benefit our own mission group. The M&SC will use the donations for our 2021 "Soup Kitchen" expenses. Our church members volunteer at the Salvation Army soup kitchen several times a year. These dedicated volunteers shop, prepare and serve a nutritious meal to the hungry. The next date for the Soup Kitchen is **April 15th**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Due to COVID 19, we will not be ordering memorial azaleas and lilies for Easter this year. We will **still** be doing an Easter Memorial bulletin. We will be working off last year's bulletin. If you have **NO** changes to your memorial from last year and you want it to remain the same, 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 or 518-785-5575 by **March 26th**.

On Palm Sunday, March 28th 2021 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. More details will follow so please read your weekly newsletter and bulletins. Stay safe and well, blessings.

Directions to access the Members' Directory on the NRC 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 you have any questions, please call the Church Office and someone will get back to you.