

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
June 20, 2021
4th Sunday After Pentecost
Bill Levering

The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements.

The Prelude: Praeludium in E Minor

Bach

Votum:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen”

The Call to Worship:

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A Hymn: Jesus Calls Us

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The Salutation and People's Amen:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Call to Confession:

Let us share truths about ourselves with God.

Prayer of Confession: In unison

Almighty God, we share with you that we are wary of opening our lives again. We have been hurt and depressed and resist your call to new light and new life. Help us, we pray. Open our hands and hearts to live into a new world where our masks come down and our lives are lifted up.

Words of Assurance:

We gather to witness to God's love that forgives and transforms us.

Call to New Life:

So let us live as forgiven and redeemed people: joyful, helpful, and free.

Special Music: It is Well with my Soul

Sterling/Bliss

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination:

God help us to understand words written in a different language at a different time to find your eternal Word for us today.

Old Testament: Psalm 9:9-20

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

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

Sermon: Stormy Weather

A Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

The Response of God's People

Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer: **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.**

The Benediction

The Postlude: Invention in F minor

Bach

Announcements

- An email was sent out to the congregation regarding the possibility of holding our annual Flea Market on September 25th. If you are free to volunteer or would like to see the email that was sent out, please contact Ellen at office@niskayunareformed.org.
- On June 15th Governor Cuomo announced that New York State reached the 70% vaccination rate. Effective immediately, NYS mandated COVID restrictions are lifted across commercial and social settings. These include: social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, health screening, cleaning and disinfecting protocols and contact information tracing

As there was no mention of updating masking for unvaccinated folks, we ask that if you are not yet fully vaccinated you continue to wear a mask to protect yourself and your fellow congregants.

- In lieu of our regular service, the worship committee will be holding a hymn sing in the courtyard on July 4th. While there won't be a sermon or scripture readings, we can worship together with song and some special music. Please send requests for your favorite hymns to Sharon Rice-Herbst slriceherbst@gmail.com by June 28th, to help us prepare for our time together. If the weather forces us indoors, we will still sing but will need to maintain a 12 foot distance for folks who are not yet fully vaccinated.
- Ellen will be on vacation **July 3rd-July 18th**. There will be someone in the office on July 8th & July 15th to answer the phones. If you have an emergency, please contact Suzi O'Brien at 518-370-5801 or suzinuke@gmail.com. If you have a non-emergency need, please contact Rick Wallace at 518-951-4596. All items for the July Messenger and July 4th, July 11th & July 18th bulletins, need to be submitted to Ellen by **June 21st**. Thank your attention to this matter!!!

Scripture Readings

Psalm 9:9-20

- ⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- ¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
- ¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- ¹³ Be gracious to me, O LORD.
See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
- ¹⁴ so that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.
- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.
- ¹⁶ The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah*
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall depart to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.
- ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.
- ¹⁹ Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.
- ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD;
let the nations know that they are only human.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you

afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"