

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
June 27, 2021
5th Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Dr. William E. Faulkner

The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements.

The Prelude: Fanfare

Lemmens

Votum:

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

The Call to Worship

A Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

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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:

Prayer of Confession: (In unison)

Forgive us, O Lord, if we have been unconcerned about the spiritual and moral health of our great land:

If our pens have been unmoved;

If our votes have not been cast;

If our voices have been silent;

If our prayers have been selfish;

If our encouragement has not been expressed;

If our convictions have not been made known;

If our private commitment has never made the transition to
public opinion.

Forgive our sins of silence, O Lord, and weave our faith into the tapestry of our nation.

Words of Assurance: (In unison)

As the Lord spoke to Solomon, so also he speaks to us: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7: 14)

Call to New Life:

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how He saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

Special Music: Minuet in G

Bach

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament: Psalm 1:1-3

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

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

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

Sermon: We the People

A Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

The Response of God's People

Hymn: God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

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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:

Allegro

Fiocco

Announcements

- The consistory voted to go forward with our annual Flea Market on September 25th. We still need folks to help with parking and 1 or 2 people to be on hand during the event to help with any emergent issues. If you can help in these (or any other) areas, 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. This service will NOT be shown live on our YouTube channel, since it is scheduled to be outside.
- 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 (h) or 518-369-5704 (c) or email her at suzinuke@gmail.com. If you have a non-emergency need, please contact Rick Wallace at 518-951-4596.
- God has given us special gifts to share with others. We are looking for people who can play an instrument or sing for a Sunday or two during the summer months. If you have any questions, call the church office or email Andy at Burgera960@gmail.com or Rebecca at benjamin.rebeccalee@gmail.com. There will also be a sheet in the Narthex to sign. Thank you and God bless you!

Scripture Readings

Psalm 1:1-3

¹ Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^a has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^b dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^c ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.