

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
June 6, 2021
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Victoria Brooks

The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements.

The Prelude: Trio - Rheinberger

Votum:

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

The Call to Worship: **Adapted from Psalm 86**

Leader: Come, Let us worship.

People: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth; give us undivided hearts to revere Your name.

Leader: We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will glorify Your name forever.

People: For Your love is great towards us; ...You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

Hymn: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Tune: St Margaret insert

The Salutation and People's Amen: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Call to Confession: The image of God is stamped in our being. Our Creator calls on us to love fully and yet the distortions of our shortcomings keep us from entering this gift of being. Join with me in this articulation of our missing the mark of our best selves.

Prayer of Confession: (unison) Gracious God, we are called to be a joyful people, giving thanks for You and Your good gifts. There are times, however, when sin and sorrow grow, pushing joy to the side. We lose sight of Your grace, and instead fall into despair. We are consumed by loss, distracted by our daily living, and crippled with fear. We focus on our lack, rather than Your love.

Lift our eyes, Lord Jesus, and renew our joy in You. Remind us that: in Your love is our forgiveness, in Your death is our resurrection, in Your coming is our joy! Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance: The promises of God name us as God's own. We stand forgiven and adopted into Grace. Thanks be to God.

Anthem: I Will Give You Rest

Shackley

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination: Open our eyes to the truths this word holds for us today. Bless our hearing and understanding. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:32-39

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-44

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

Sermon: Success of the Bungee Cord

The Response of God's People

Hymn: Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

For it is holy and right to do so!

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

The Words of Institution
Sharing of the bread and the cup

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 (Please stand if you are able.)

The Postlude: Praeludium in D Minor

Bach

Announcements

- Sunday School Parents--pick up your students at the playground!
- Friends – we’ve made it! Despite the difficulties and unexpected hiccups this year, we’ve come to the end of another successful Sunday School season. We so appreciate the patience and flexibility you’ve shown us over this year – and we thank Ms. Suzi from the bottom of our hearts for helping us coordinate in-person and at-home sessions. Much like the rest of this year, Children’s Day will be offered in person and online. It will take place on Sunday, June 13th. The in-person session will begin at 9:30am and the online session will begin at 11am as normal. Following the in-person session, families and friends are invited to join us outside for a prepackaged ice cream social and socially distant lawn games. We encourage families and friends to attend in whatever way works best for them, and we hope you’ll join us to celebrate our wonderful children!
- Summer will soon be upon us and SiCM’s summer lunch program is gearing up for a busy season, providing lunches for our youth in Schenectady county. Their biggest need for volunteers this summer is in the packing of lunches for the vans to deliver. Lunches will be packed at SiCM’s food pantry site on Albany Street in Schenectady, Monday-Friday from 8-11AM. We have been given the week of July 26-30 to help out. Please consider joining us in this much needed endeavor. Please email Michele Kopp at me at mishcata@gmail.com, if you are interested.