

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church  
July 25, 2021  
9th Sunday After Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Victoria Brooks

### **The Approach to God**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                      Bless This House                                      Taylor/Brahe

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

The Call to Worship –

Leader: God in your love and wisdom you call us into being. Unite us now in our hope-filled worship of you. Guide us in this time together that we might reflect your covenant with the world. Make us aware of your presence in our time together and move us to comprehend your Word for us this day.

People: In the glory of your name we pray, AMEN.

\*Hymn                      When Morning Gilds the Skies                                      41

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

Call to Confession – When we heed the call of God, when we live into the claim of God's love in our lives, we have need of forgiveness and restoration. Join with me in a prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession -Almighty God, the Giver of life and Forgiver of sins, we come to You now with hope: Hope because You always love us, even

though at times it seems like we have been forsaken. Hope because you do not hold our sins against us, but instead grant us Your grace. Hope because You turn our hearts toward You and give us the courage to trust You in a world filled with darkness. Create in us the desire to serve You faithfully in all that we say and do. In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer

Malotte/Weinrich

### **The Word of God**

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination- May God bless our reading and hearing of God's word for us.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

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

Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:24b-34

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

Sermon

"Renewing Hope: Of Rainbows and Healing"

A Prayer for Blessing Upon the Word

### **The Response of God's People**

\*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Power

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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 – (Please stand if you are able.)

\*The Postlude      Variations on a Theme

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## Announcements

- Our annual Flea Market will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am- 4pm. We still need folks to help with this event. If you can help or would be interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Ellen at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto: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.
- NRC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, **August 14th from 8am- 1 pm**. Social distancing and safety measures will be in place to keep donors and employees safe, while giving blood. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).
- We are having the second Brooks BBQ of the 2021 season. It will be **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 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 will still be using the prepackaged cookies that Brooks will supply. If you can volunteer, please contact Kim Cerone @ 518-339-7504 or [purdyka@aol.com](mailto: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): **\$15.00**

Half Chicken only: **\$10.00**

## Scripture

### Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

### Mark 5:24b-34

<sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”