

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
August 8, 2021
11th Sunday After Pentecost
Lucas Grove
Assistant Chaplain, Camp Fowler

The Approach to God

The Lord be with you
And also, with you

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Only This I Want

Dan Schutte, SJ

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

The Call to Worship –

One: At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

All: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

All: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

All: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed.

*Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus (first tune)

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*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 –

Prayer of Confession –

One: You teach us to love our neighbors

All: but instead we build dividing walls of hostility.

One: You show us how to love one another as siblings

All: but instead we hide from our own human family.

One: You ask us to seek out the stranger and welcome the guest.

One: You want us to share your abundant gifts with the poor

All: but instead we cling tightly to our possessions and our privilege.

One: Lord, our loving God, have mercy on us.

All: Forgive our sin, open our hearts, and change our lives.

One: Fill us with Your Spirit. Make us holy and whole—one people, united in faith, hope, and

All: love through Jesus Christ, Our reconciler and redeemer.

Words of Assurance- Based off Psalm 103

Special Music

Ave Cerum Corpus

Mozart

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination- Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:1-5

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:36-48

Announcements

- Our annual Flea Market will be on September 25th 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.
- As in past years, the City Mission of Schenectady will be collecting school supplies as well as backpacks to help local students start their academic year in a positive way. Our NRC family has been supportive of this project in the past and hope we can continue this tradition. All school supplies are needed: paper, writing implements, erasers, note cards, notebooks, binders, folders...and backpacks. We will use the SiCM tubs in education building for this purpose. Deadline for donations is **Sunday August 15**. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.
- Heartfelt thanks to all our summer lunch helpers! The SiCM summer lunch program continues to thrive, providing 850+ lunches AND breakfasts daily to families throughout Schenectady County via mobile distribution. Our NRC family supported this project by packing individual meals at the Schenectady Food Pantry site during the week of July 26-30. Thanks go to Donna Nappi, Linda Gardner, Bill and Kathy Dzamba, Lynne Barnard-Avveduti, Barb Valenti, Joan Peebles, Eileen Eldred, Dorilee Male, Kim Cerone, Sue Lichtig and Michele Kopp. Working the line, tying the bags, keeping everything moving wasn't always easy, but the end result was AMAZING. Thanks again to all of you! M & SC
- 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.
- We are having the second Brooks BBQ of the 2021 season. It will be **Wednesday, August 18th, 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. 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

Exodus 16:1-5

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

Luke 7:36-48

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus^[a] to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷ And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with

the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” ⁴¹ “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii,^[b] and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus^[c] said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”