

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements.

The Prelude: I Will Extol Thee, O Lord Costa

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

The Call to Worship:

Leader: Save us, O lord our God,

People: **And gather us from among the nations,**

Leader: That we may give thanks to your holy name,

People: **And glory in your praise.**

Leader: Why have you come here?

People: **We have come to worship God**

A Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord" 36

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:

O God, you are a God of abundance.

You have poured out your gifts upon us.

Forgive us:

For always wanting more

**For thinking that it is by our genius that we have gotten all of our
things.**

**For making our lives so complicated that we barely have time to
breathe.**

For thinking the amount of money we have is a sign of our success.

For seeing others in need and not helping them.

**For using our resources on things that are fleeting and temporary.
For creating mounds of junk and trash.
For not treating your creation as the wonderful gift that you made.
Make us people who are aware of how much we give in to the
demands of our culture and the urge to have more and more things.
Help us learn to live simply. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen
(silent prayer)**

Words of Assurance

Call to New Life

Anthem: Lord, I Want to be a Christian Arr. Hogan

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

**The Prayer for Illumination: We come, O God, expecting to hear you speak.
Make us receptive, so that even when we don't hear what we expect or
want to hear, we know that it is from you. Open our minds and our hearts,
so we may be challenged by your Word. In the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Old Testament Lesson: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

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

Sermon: "Are you Wise?"

A Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

The Response of God's People

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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

Communion Forever Thine - Frick

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.**

Hymn: "All Things are Thine"

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The Benediction (Please stand if you are able.)

Benediction Response

Announcements

We have a small team of volunteers who run the YouTube live-streaming every week and we would like to add to that number. After about an hour of training, the only time commitment is helping with the streaming every “so often.” How often depends on how many people join the team, and we’re looking for two or more. That would mean helping for two Sundays out of eight. For teenagers, this would be great experience and looks good on college or job applications. For those of us who are not quite teenagers anymore, it’s fun and a great service for the church. If you’re interested, want more information or want to see how it works before deciding, contact Leo Lichtig (lichtl@aol.com) or anyone else on the Stream Team.

- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service if needed.

Scripture

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

² “Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?”

³ Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.

⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶ On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷ while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels^[a] shouted for joy?

- 34 “Can you raise your voice to the clouds
and cover yourself with a flood of water?
35 Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?
Do they report to you, ‘Here we are’?
36 Who gives the ibis wisdom^[a]
or gives the rooster understanding?^[b]
37 Who has the wisdom to count the clouds?
Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens
38 when the dust becomes hard
and the clods of earth stick together?
39 “Do you hunt the prey for the lioness
and satisfy the hunger of the lions
40 when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in a thicket?
41 Who provides food for the raven
when its young cry out to God
and wander about for lack of food?

Hebrews 1:1-4

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.””

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”