

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Dr. Rev. Bill Levering

The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements.

The Prelude: His Eye Is On The Sparrow Gabriel/Smith

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

The Call to Worship: **This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

A Hymn: O God of Earth and Altar 511

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

Prayer of Confession (unison):

O God of good news, kindle hope in us this morning. We confess that we are depressed and anxious and have trouble hearing words of hope. Sneak up on us today, we pray. Help us to see what we need and to ask your help towards wholeness. Seep your grace into our hearts so that we might lift our eyes once again.

Words of Assurance: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Call to New Life: Let us live like we believe this. Amen.

Anthem: To God Be Joyful Mozart

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination:

**May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all of our hearts
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.**

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 126

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

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 10:46-52

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

Sermon:

“No, You!”

A Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

The Response of God's People

Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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.)

Benediction Response

The Postlude: Praeludium and Fugue in F

Bach

Announcements

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.

The rose on the pulpit announces the September 19 arrival of Jackson Roy, son of Brian and Ashley Oyangen and grandson of Pat Zink.

On Halloween the children are invited to wear their costumes and go directly to the Education Building for Sunday School. After the service the children will have a parade through the fellowship and have some very special treats! Please join us!

Scripture

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of^[a] Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.^[b]

² Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴ Restore our fortunes,^[c] LORD,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵ Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of

Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.