

Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
June 5, 2022
Pentecost

Preparation for Worship: The old debates about which way to turn for the power to effect change - toward inner human potencies or toward the power of God in Christ - are now moot. Instead, the present age wishes to insulate itself against any call to turn, either for or against. Thus pride is not the primary barrier to faith. Sloth and cowardice are just as deadly. Both slink away from the urgency of conviction. Both fear the sharp edge of demand. Both have a vested interest in cynicism, irony, and outward conformity. These vices, not pride, now dominate our culture R.R.Reno |

The Approach to God

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

Welcome and announcements.

Prelude: Andante Sostenuto

Guilmant

Introit

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

Call to Worship: (Ezekiel 11)

Leader: Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.

People: They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols.

Leader: I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh

People: Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

*Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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*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: **Father in Heaven, we confess that we have not attributed power to you. We have called you Lord of all and emptied the words of meaning. We have lived with you as an idea and not as a reality. Have mercy upon us O God. Let us vibrate with your presence. Forgive our sin. In Jesus Name. AMEN**

Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Anthem: Psalm 150

Franck

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 11:1-9

Epistle Lesson:

Acts 2:1-21

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

The Junior Sermon

Gospel Lesson:

John 14:8-27

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

*Hymn O Spirit of the Living God

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Sermon: "Spirit in Quarts, Pounds & Cubic Feet"

A Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

The Response of God's People

Offering

Offertory The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

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

Meditation

Massenet

purchase more food per dollar than we often realize. There is a green collection box in the narthex. ***Every donation impacts lives.***

Our Mission of the Month Collection will benefit Wildwood Programs. Wildwood began operating over 50 years ago as a local, not for profit organization that was formed when a group of parents found that their children did not fit neatly into existing programs. Today, Wildwood meets the needs of the individuals it supports with a person-centered, holistic approach where a wide range of education, employment, residential, recreation and counseling services work collaboratively to maximize a person's independence. Your donation will enable Wildwood Programs to continue supporting local families with special needs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward,^[a] they found a plain in Shinar^[b] and settled there. ³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel^[c]—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to

be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

John 14:8-27

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say,

‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. ¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” ²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.