

Hurley Reformed Church  
Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025, 6:30pm  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*HYMN: #51, “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**All: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you  
disquieted within me?

**All: Hope in God; for we shall praise him, our help and our God.**

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love;

**All: according to your great compassion blot out our  
transgressions.**

Leader: Wash away our iniquity

**All: And cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;

**All: You teach us wisdom in the inmost place**

Leader: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit  
within us.

**All: Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit  
from us.**

Leader: Restore us to the joy of your salvation

**All: And grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

SHARING OF THE ASHES

\*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (Heidelberg Q & A )

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own but belong body and soul in life  
and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Christ has  
fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has  
set me free from all the power of the devil. He also  
watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from  
my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact,  
all things must work together for my salvation. Because I  
belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of  
eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and  
ready from now on to live for him**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (pg 732)

New Testament: Matthew 6:1-8,16-21 (pg781)

SERMON: “How We Can Be”

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*HYMN: #239, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*\*Please stand if you are able*



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Hurley, New York

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*Welcome*

*May the doors of this church be wide enough  
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Father's care;  
and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

*Enter to Worship*

*Depart to Serve*

## #51, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
Hither by Thy great help I've come.  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my yielded heart to Thee.  
Let me know Thee in Thy fullness;  
Guide me by Thy mighty hand  
Till, transformed, in Thine own image,  
In Thy presence I shall stand.

## #239, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

