

Hurley Reformed Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026; 10am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us speak of mercy and justice.

All: For these are the things suitable for our Creator.

Leader: God created all races and nations of the world and willed that we live together in peace and harmony.

All: United and uniting, we were created to be family.

Leader: God calls us to share our diverse gifts, activated by the one and same Spirit: the Spirit of life, of hope, of justice, of love.

All: United and uniting, we have been called to let justice roll down like waters.

Leader: We must work passionately to bridge the gulfs that lie between us, the many ways we are divided. We must work to overcome injustices that oppress us, and restore respect and understanding among us.

All: United and uniting, we gather to delight in our diversity and to transform despair into hope and action.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: #678 “In Christ There is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We find it easier to play favorites than to treat everyone equally. We find it simpler to classify others as 'them,' than to discover what makes them beloved in God's eyes. Let us confess together all we have done, and not done, which brings hurt to others, and harm to ourselves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we confess that, too often, we have used our national power and wealth in foolish and even destructive ways. We have built a society that favors the rich and blamed the poor for their own plight. We have condemned others for using violence even as we initiated violence. We have used religion to fortify political and ideological agendas. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to build the nation you call us to be; help us to be the church you call us to be: a home to justice, a builder of peace. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, God drew the world toward the good, not counting our sin and wrongdoing, but forgiving us. In Christ God entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.

As forgiven people, let each of us be forgiving, loving God with all our hearts, minds, and souls – and may we love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE READING FOR UNITY

Leader: Across all our barriers of language, race, and nationality:

All: Unite us, Jesus.

Leader: Across all our mutual ignorance, prejudice and hostility:

All: Unite us, Jesus.

Leader: Across all our differences of thought, outlook, and religious allegiance:

All: Unite us, Jesus.

Leader: O God, for your greater glory:

All: Gather together your separated people.

Leader: O God, for the triumph of goodness and truth:

All: Gather together your separated people.

Leader: O God, that there may be one flock and one shepherd:

All: Gather together your separated people.

Leader: O God, that peace may reign in the world at last:

All: Gather together your separated people.

*GLORIA PATRI [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 25:19-34 (pg. 19)

New Testament: Mark 10:35-45 (pg. 818)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “It's Not a Competition”

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #495 “The Gift of Love”

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church!

With joy we welcome your presence among us today. Let the words of the psalmist set the tone of our worship: "Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name--joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:4-5 NSRV)

Kindly silence your cellphone during the Service.

Our Scripture Reader today is

Ushers assisting in the service are Wally Cook and Jim Gregory

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments. Thank you to The Croswell Family for providing them.

Sanctuary Flowers are placed by The Croswell Family

Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

Our Mission for July is R.Y.A.N House-Raising Your Awareness about Narcotics

Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; and Russ Glass

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.

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Stickley Gardens Columbarium . . . A sacred place of beauty and contemplation.
(Located on the south lawn of the church.)

The lone candle on the chancel is our Peace Candle. It represents this church's support for the men and women in military service, and our prayer that one day we will live in a world where their sacrifice is no longer needed.

Serving God & Neighbor
Since 1801



Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**Creator God, we commit to use all our gifts – wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, discernment, administration, hospitality, and finances – acting as co-workers with you and with each other, so that peace and justice may flow like a mighty stream. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION

Leader: In the beginning, God brought cosmos out of chaos and spoke humanity into being with the words: “Let there be...!”

All: O God, give us power to speak the words that will bring the positive possibilities of a new creation into existence.

Leader: And after God spoke the universe and humanity into existence, God spoke again and said: “It is good! It is very good!”

All: O God, give us power to speak the words that will celebrate and affirm the wondrous virtue of your human and cosmic creation.

Leader: Let us boldly and courageously speak the words: “Let freedom ring!”

All: Let freedom ring! Our history and our destiny lie in our willingness to speak until the strongholds of prejudice and bigotry crumble before the new creations of justice and equality for all of God’s children.

Leader: We will not be silent. Let freedom ring until every shackle of racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, militarism, and nationalism is broken. Let freedom ring!

All: We will not be silent: Let freedom ring!

Leader: For the freedom of every human being, let freedom ring!

All: For the salvation of the world, let freedom ring!

Leader: For the glory of God, let freedom ring!

All: Let freedom ring! Let freedom ring!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #551 “Once to Every Man and Nation”

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! We live sustained by God’s presence and love.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we weep for a broken world,

All: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have worked on the front lines of justice,

All: God gives thanks with us.

Leader: As we, too, struggle for justice,

All: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

All: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

All: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

All: God blesses us.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, Go forth to work for justice, for peace, for the healing of the world. And rejoice!

All: We are sustained and blessed by God’s presence and love.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Announcements-July 12, 2026

Events this week:

Monday:	6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall
Tuesday:	9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room 4:00pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Thursday:	4:30pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Friday:	8:00am Sew and So in room six 1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
Saturday:	9:00am Karate in Schadewald Hall

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Upcoming Events:

-Church Cookout- August 30th after Worship

Pray Chain-If you have any updates for our prayer chain please contact Pat Baker; 845-331-2556 or pbaker727@yahoo.com

Please remember to fill out and hand in your family profile form. This will help us keep our system updated with your most current information. Forms can be found in the Narthex and the monthly Spire. Please see Jeanne Quenzer during coffee hour with any questions.

#678 In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Thro'-out the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts ev-'ry-where
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all man-kind

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
What-e'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is sure-ly kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West;
In Him meet South and North.
All Christ-ly souls are one in Him
Thro'-out the whole wide earth.

#495 The Gift of Love

Tho' I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all in spire
And have not love, my works are vain
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Tho' I may give and I possess,
And striving so, my love profess,
But not be given by love with in,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come- our hearts control;
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

#551 Once to Every Man and Nation

1. Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, some great decision,
Off'ring each the bloom or blight;
And the choice goes by forever,
'Tixt that darkness and that light.
2. Then to side with truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands a side,
Till the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.
3. By the light of burning martyrs,
Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track;
Toiling up new Calv'ries ever
With the cross that turns not back.
New occasions teach new duties;
Ancient values test our youth.
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep a breast of truth.
4. Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet the Truth alone is strong;
Tho' her portion be the scaffold,
Ans up on the throne be wrong,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own.

