

Hurley Reformed Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026; 10am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us focus on God's presence.

All: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

Leader: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

All: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

Leader: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

All: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

L: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

A: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...

L: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

A: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#237 "Lift High the Cross"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Prayer in a violent world only makes sense when it is not just an attempt to influence God and gain some comfort. It only makes sense when it is an act of stripping all falsity bare before God and asking to be made new according to the Way, the Truth, and Life. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," the Bible says. "But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Forgive us Lord, and help us to live lives which are righteous and holy in your eyes.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

*RESPONSIVE READING Apostles Creed.

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a

bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

All: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#229 "At the Cross"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21 (pg. 42)

New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 794)

SERMON: "How Do We Respond?"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: **#436 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

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 Russ Voigtlaender

Ushers assisting in the service are Maggie Sass and Terry Gaffken

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for our ice cream social today

Sanctuary Flowers are placed by Jane and Bill Merrill on their 40th Anniversary

Leading us in song is Andrea Shaut

Our Mission for August is Peoples Place

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

#237 Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on this glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Refrain

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praise rise before Thy throne.

Refrain

#229 At the Cross

Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross,
where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Chorus

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut His glories in
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man, the creature's, sin.

Chorus

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While Calv'ry's cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

Chorus

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

Chorus

#436 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain:

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

Refrain:

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain:

Announcements-September 13, 2026

Message from Rev. Stickley: HRC Congregation-- "I want to thank you for the birthday card with all of your signatures, best wishes, and congratulations on my 90th birthday. Your thoughtfulness brightened my day and reminded me of some great friendships. That's a great gift for any day!!! Thanks. REV"

Join our Youth Group that will meet from 5-6:30 on the Second and Fourth Sunday. For Middle and High School age.

Events this week:

Monday:	6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall
Tuesday:	9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room 4:30pm 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

The Mission for September will be Peoples Place.

In the basket we will be collecting school items for students in need such as pencils/pens, glue sticks, notebooks, scissors, rulers and more.

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.