



*Nicolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 1, 2018*

*10:00 am*

*Our Mission*

*To live out Christ's love  
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,  
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of holy reach and saving grace, spur us to seek healing and community. Help us to do so for ourselves, in those places that break us down or keep us at arm's length. Help us to do so for others, who wait on a word or touch that heals and restores. Amen. +

### *“The Gathering”*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**INTROIT** – I Rejoiced

I rejoiced when they said, “Let’s worship,” I rejoiced when they said,  
“Let’s rise.” I rejoiced when they said “Let’s worship,”  
worship our God Most High!

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Terry Dowd*

One: The church is called to be the model of God’s love in the world,  
love by its nature is risky business,

**All: and so we come to worship today to gather the strength  
to be risk takers, standing with those who are excluded,**

One: advocating for those who cannot speak for themselves,

**All: bringing healing to the infirm.**

### HYMN – *“Here in This Place”*

#401

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: There are risks to being generous – sometimes the unscrupulous take advantage of the charitable. It happens to us all, and when it does, it can leave us feeling silly and naïve; our pride is dented, and suddenly doubt becomes our life’s companion. We begin to make decisions based on the memory of the pain of the past, not on the merit of any good that will be done. We become hesitant to give, and dismiss people in genuine need – just in case things go badly. This self-protection seems rational, but it has a bitter twist, for we know that people with little charity become discontented and unhappy people. By refusing to take loving risks, we harm ourselves. God of compassion, resolve our doubt, restore our empathy, forgive us our self-concern. +**

## MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Of these things we can be sure – God is a long term,  
relentless risk taker who never stops being charitable to us,  
who never ceases to offer forgiveness and compassion to us,  
no matter the circumstances in which we reside.  
Let go of doubt, embrace trust, and be at peace. +

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you with: *"The peace of Christ be with you."*

## THE GLORIA –

#582

**Glory to God, whose goodness Shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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### *"Engaging The Word"*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** Source of all true wisdom,  
breathe calm into our hearts, and still all other voices but your own,  
that we may hear with the ears of our hearts to what you tell us in your Word,  
through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

The First Lesson - II Corinthians 8:7-15 pg. 941

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Second Lesson- Mark 5:21-43 pg. 816

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON – "Risky Business"**

*by:* Rev. Naomi Kelly

**\*HYMN – "These Treasured Children" #487**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises,  
we baptize those whom God has called.

**All: In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**

One: Everett Allen has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the he has become a member of the household of God to share with us the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*“Thanksgiving”*

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY –** #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,  
all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God whom we adore.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

These gifts are proof that risk taking can have an impact on our world, as this money makes its way to people and organizations that are involved in bringing good news to all. We give gladly. Amen. +

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*“Sending”*

**HYMN –** *“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”* #498

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**EXTROIT –** (all sing) #700 v.1

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!

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+ Liturgy from Seasons of the Spirit Year B various years.

**Notes and Announcements**

*Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.*

*We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism.*

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Jan Park if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-6889.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY** – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, and she will initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

**CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE** – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: Waterbury Memorial Presbyterian Church, Oriskany.

**STAFF OPENING** – We are still looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church in worship through music. For inquiries, please e-mail us at [niccollschurch@gmail.org](mailto:niccollschurch@gmail.org) or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – The Nominating Committee has begun its search for new Elders and Deacons. These terms would begin in October and run for 3 years. This is an exciting time in the life of Niccolls Memorial, a new beginning. Do you feel called to be a caregiver for our church family and beyond into our community? Would you like to suggest the name of someone you feel would be able to fill these roles? If so, please contact Deb Langworthy, Nancy Venetz or Dee Kraft.

**ALTERNATIVE MARKET** – at Niccoll's Memorial Presbyterian Church July 15th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m. Sale of handmade crafts including home decorations, jewelry, scarves, baskets, African beads, etc. as well as Equal Exchange Fair Trade tea and coffee. Purchase of these items benefits third world crafters and farmers enabling them to feed their families and educate their children. Purchase of beads helps to provide scholarships for a school in Uganda.

**NICKELS FOR NICCOLLS** – Bottles are still available on tables near the sanctuary door. Take one, fill it, and return it on July 15th. It helps provide clean water for a poor village in Honduras.

**WEAVING HOME** - is having contemplative worship each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at The Barn in Woodgate for July and August. For more information see Naomi Kelly.

**TODAY'S BAPTISM** – Everett Allen Solow son of Bethany and Josh Solow, grandson of Cathy and Allen Trevett.

Everett family invites you to stay after the service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

### **Calendar of Events Week of July 2 to July 8**

<b>Monday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30am &amp; 10:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

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**Guest Pastor** – Rev. Naomi Kelly

**Pastor Emeritus** – Rev. James L. Ulrich

**Pianist/Music Director** – Olivia Phaneuf

**Ushers** – Katie Kelly, Dee & Chris Kraft

*For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly*  
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