



*Nicolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

**All:** Love divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning  
and whose grace amazes us into joy.

Grant that, in our worship and in our daily living,  
we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy.

Meet us this day in our weariness, our worries, and our weakness.

Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness, that we may grow and serve in ways of trust,  
compassion, and purposeful living. Amen.

*“The Gathering”*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT –

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: Mary Ann Nelson*

One: Becoming a baby,

**All: Christ transformed all of us into his sisters and brothers.**

One: Telling us stories we had forgotten,

**All: God helps us to walk the paths of discipleship.**

One: Becoming foolish in the world's eyes,

**All: the Spirit teaches us all we need to find our way into the kingdom.**

**\*HYMN – “God is Here!”**

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### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The confession of our sin before God and one another reminds us that as individual believers and as a community of faith, we do turn from the ways of love and justice. We believe that if we confess we shall be forgiven and freed from the burden of guilt and empowered to carry on the ministry of Christ.

Therefore, with confidence in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins together, praying...

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.**

**We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.**

**Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.**

**Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.**

### \*MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.

You are forgiven, you are made new.

**All: We will complete God's joy, by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## THE GLORIA –

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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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

### *“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 - Exodus 17:1-7 pg. 56

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

*We invite all children & youth to come forward.*

The Second Lesson - Philippians 2:1-13 pg. 954

One: The Gospel of the Lord.  
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON – “Marbles or Grapes?”** by: Rev. Loril Hawk

**HYMN – “Let Us Build a House”** #301

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY

**DOXOLOGY –** #709

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.  
God, we worship and adore you.  
Take what we bring, offered to you.  
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: **May the simple gifts we offer this day become  
a fountain of blessings for others,  
bringing them hope, healing, joy, and peace. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (insert)

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *“Sending”*

**HYMN** – *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**One:** Go forth to share God's love with all.

**All:** We will become a river of love through the world.

**One:** Go forth to share Christ's grace.

**All:** We will be a fountain flowing in the barren places.

**One:** Go forth to share the community of the Spirit.

**All:** We will become a pool of peace where all may be refreshed.

**\*EXTROIT** – (all sing)

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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

### 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.*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a Congregational Meeting today after the 10:00 a.m. service to vote on the Terms of Call and the Installation of Rev. Loril Hawk as Teaching Elder of Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. All voting members and other congregants are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Linda Folsom if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-6391.

**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 or Cindy Rose by e-mail at [Cindy41854@hotmail.com](mailto:Cindy41854@hotmail.com) to 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: church of Christ Uniting, Richfield Springs.

**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. 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.

**WEAVING HOME** – The 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.

**Calendar of Events Week of August 6 to August 12**

<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>Thursday</b>	1pm	Caregiver Group
<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 Worship Service</b>	

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*Sunday Service Broadcast WBRV-900 AM, 101.3 FM, WLLG-FM 99.3*  
*Listen live online from anywhere in the world at [themoose.net](http://themoose.net)*

**Guest Preacher** – Rev. Loril Hawk

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

**Pianist/Music Director** – Olivia Phaneuf

**Accompanist** – Judith Barker

**Ushers** – Ruth & Al Brussel, Katie Kelly

Rev. Loril Hawk has a BA in Psychology from Seattle Pacific University, and a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. Over her career she has served in churches with memberships from 100 to 400 around the country. She has served in Kirkland WA, Great Falls MT, Lakewood CO, and Matawan, NJ. Her latest calling was at University Park, MD.

Rev. Loril loves the outdoors, music, and animals. She is excited about our community and all that the Adirondacks have to offer.

*\*For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly home: 315-369-6614 or cell: 315-369-8253*