

Thank you for worshipping with us at
Harrisena Community Church

Core Values

At Harrisena, we believe diversity is a blessing.

We believe that the message Jesus of Nazareth brought to humankind is as relevant today as it was 2,000+ years ago.

We believe that this message is one of healing and transforming love that breaks down barriers—a message of welcome, inclusion, equality, respect, forgiveness, and care for all people and the earth.

We believe that this message, rather than the particular institutions conveying it, forms the most enduring foundation for a life well lived—in other words, a life lived in the divine image.

We believe that each of us is free to understand and worship God in our own ways.

We believe that faith is enriched by human reason, not in conflict with it.

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**Organist:** Mrs. Melissa Ferrie-Healy

**Ministers:** ALL



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**HARRISENA**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804



God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations..."

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Join us on FACEBOOK on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer on Wednesdays anytime...anywhere...together we pray for our  
community, our church, the Church universal, our nation, our world...ourselves.

### CENTERING WORDS

*"I offer my life to you, God, for I know that you love me dearly and faithfully. I  
offer my life to you, God. Teach me your paths."*

### The Gathering

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING & INVOCATION

### Awaken to the Word

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them  
your way.

**P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

L: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**P: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep  
your decrees.**

L: Let us worship God!

**ALL: Amen and amen!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      *"God of the Sparrow"*                      #29

#### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (in unison)

Your paths are straight and true, O God; they guide all who seek the way of salvation.  
By your mercy you instruct your children how to pursue steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Upheld by your covenant and enlightened by your testimony, we live securely in your  
goodness and truth. Hear us now as we lift our souls in praise to you. Accept our glad  
adoration and teach us your will.

#### \*SILENT PRAYERS

## Proclamation of the Word

**Genesis 9:8-17**

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

**Mark 1:9-15**

*The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON                      *"Believe in the good news"*                      **Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly**

### Response to the Word

HYMN                                      *"Hymn of Promise"*                                      #515

#### PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS: MISSIONS AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

Donations can be made with our **NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION** on  
our website, **[harrisena.org](http://harrisena.org)** or mailed to *Harrisena Community Church,*  
*1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804; cc: Financial Secretary.*

**Thank you for your continued support of our church family! HCC  
Finance Committee**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of our hope and salvation, your covenant names us, your grace  
sustains us. Your Chosen One calls us, and in our baptism sets us  
apart. We are a people called to minister. We are a people equipped  
through your mercy to perform deeds of compassion and love. Accept  
our offerings as tokens of our faithfulness; enhance their effectiveness  
in accordance with your will. May all that we do be a clear sign of our  
willingness to respond to the call of Christ. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sent Forth by the Word

HYMN OF DEDICATION                      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*                      #72

#### BENEDICTION

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

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## FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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Derek Dumas – stateside

Michael Gusek, *Patriot Missile Battery* – serving at Fort Hood, TX

Gary Hogan, USA

Joseph Hubbard, *Army* – stateside

Corey Ledgerwood, *Army* - Afghanistan

Wes McQueen, *USAF* – stateside

Tony Mitchell, *USAF*

Tyler Monroe, *USAF*

Breanna Moore, *USAF* – stateside

Griffith Parry, *West Point Military Academy*

James Pearson, *USAF*

Philip Riccio, *Army* – stateside

Brian Schneider, *Army* – Afghanistan

Kelly Thompson, *US Health Service*

Dan Urband, *USNG* – Afghanistan

Mark Wilson, *USNG/Spcl Forces* – stateside

Braden Stormer – stateside

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## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

**First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

**Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

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## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP VIRTUAL ONLY on FACEBOOK LIVE @ drnatalie Wimberly and conference call-in: 1-313-209-8800. The ID# is 796-8500, then press #.**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION – WEDNESDAYS on FACEBOOK LIVE @drnatalie wimberly.**

**SATURDAY MEDITATION @3:00 p.m. on FACEBOOK LIVE! @ drnatalie Wimberly.**

**Email or text all PRAYER REQUEST you would like in the bulletin and for Sunday worship to the office by Tuesday of each week. Thank you.**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** *Do you believe in the power of prayer? Would you like to join others HCC members as we pray together for others?* If so, contact Bonnie Nadig and/or contact the church office at harrisenachurch@gmail.com. **Join us as we continue to pray for our local and global communities and ourselves.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!** Please forward your pledges and offerings to *Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804, cc: Financial Secretary OR* through online giving on *harrisena.org* website. We will get through this time together. Thank you! *HCC Finance Committee.*

We are still accepting FOOD DONATIONS for **FAMILY SERVICES.** *These donations can be left at the front door of the Ed. Building. Open the front door and place them in the entrance between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> door. Thank you so much!*

**The Missions committee and volunteers have provided** packaged meals to support the weekend feeding program. They also have provided meals for HCC members and friends. If you would like a packaged meal, call Sue Ogden. **Special thanks to Sue and Chuck Ogden, Bill and Pam Loeb, Hal and Deanna Payne, Mary Alice Clickner, Phyllis Straut, Bonnie and Phil Nadig** and all those who have contributed to this ministry with your prayers, time and financial resources.

## OUR PRAYERS

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Manu Malkani – The Terrace  
Jim Nobile – The Landing of Queensbury  
Art Norton – The Warren Center  
Gordon Wallace, Sr. – Glens Falls Hospital

### HOME/HOSPITAL (HOSPICE\*)

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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sally Busted        | Kathleen Dumont | Beth Hinckle    |
| Amy Ledford-Austin  | Jerrod Ogden    | Dave Rogers     |
| Tom St. Clair       | Lynn Sawyer     | Bob Straut, Jr. |
| Edward Thompson     | Kay Tokarz      | Bob Tucker, Jr. |
| Heather Waldenstrom | Kenny Wendell   |                 |

### HOME

|                    |                   |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert Boule'      | Christine Burke   | Pattie Chapman        |
| Elaine Coffin      | Ruth Daggs        | Kimberly Deeken       |
| Collin Fuller      | Rev. Patti Girard | Bambi Greycek-Spenser |
| Liam               | Jane Lis          | Pami Maack            |
| Ann Malkani        | Robert Marshall   | Marilyn Pagliuco      |
| Diane Parry        | Anne Rizzi        | Kieara Robinson       |
| Marie Scarselletta | Susan Shoemaker   | Phyllis Straut        |
| Renee Straut       | Linda Tripp       | Audrey Wiygul         |

### UNSPOKEN PRAYERS (UPDATED WEEKLY): 61

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Friends and Family of **Melanie Swinton** who died this past month. Melanie was a friend of many at Harrisena.*

**NOTE:** Art Norton is a permanent resident of the Warren Center and loves getting phone calls!

**Warren Center  
Gurney Lane  
Queensbury, NY 12804  
(518) 683-8983**

***Note:** Please check over the prayer requests above and update any members who have had status changes! Thank you.*

## PRAYER REQUEST FORM

*Use this form to list your request.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON**

**REASON**

**WHERE:** *Hospital,  
Home/Hospital, Home*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Name & Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

***If you would like a card sent, please include the ADDRESS below:***

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Or check **the box** for - *Call me for Address.*

***\*Type of Card:** "Get Well," "Sympathy," "Thinking of You,"  
Congratulations," other \_\_\_\_\_*

***\*If you would like your request on the LONG-TERM PRAYERS,**  
please place a large **LT** at top of form.*

***\*If you would like a Visit, Transportation, or Meals from HELPING  
HANDS, please check here:***

***\*\*Please update your Prayer Concerns in a timely manner. Send  
information to the Office by mail or call, 518-792-1902. Thank you.***

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## 2021 Pledge to Harrisena Community Church

*Please complete all information on the pledge card.*

**PRINT Name(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

After prayerful consideration, I/we have committed to pledge as follows:

| Pledge Giving Schedule<br>(Select one below) | Giving Amount<br>(Per Schedule Selected) | Total Annual Pledge |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Weekly                                       |                                          | (x52)               |
| Monthly                                      |                                          | (x12)               |
| Quarterly                                    |                                          | (x4)                |
| Semiannually                                 |                                          | (x2)                |
| Annually                                     |                                          | (x1)                |
| Other                                        |                                          |                     |

**Do you wish to have Pledge Envelopes?:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Email Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Mailing Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your gracious financial support of our beloved church. Mail pledge forms to Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 cc: Finance For questions, please contact treasurers Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias or financial secretary Cheryl Straut.

## THE LENTEN SEASON

Lent developed into a season of intense inward reflection and confession centuries after the life of Jesus. Yet, as we will see, Jesus encouraged people to open up about their lives—to speak truth—no matter how broken. This is the beginning of compassion for ourselves and others. It is the beginning of healing. The Latin origins of the word “*confess*” is to “*study and acknowledge*.” This will be a season of studying how we can be a healing presence in our community. To do this, we acknowledge our need to restore our own Holy Vessels.

*Let us pray:*

Creator God,

We are bodies fashioned by your hand in your own image,  
shapes and colors of diverse and immense beauty.  
And yet too often we have ignored the sacred nature of our physical  
lives.

The Holy Vessels you have fashioned are tired and suffering,  
ravaged by months of disrupted rhythms and ailment.  
Our fragility has come into full view and we are frightened.  
We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away,  
sometimes even from our own needs.

Help us, Healer.  
Show us our strength.  
Forgive our inertia.  
Move us to move  
one step at a time toward greater care.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

*Silence*

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul  
Healer, come.**

### **God of the Sparrow**

*Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda and Music by Carl F. Schalk*

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,  
How does the creature say *Awe*? How does the creature say *Praise*?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,  
How does the creature say *Woe*? How does the creature say *Save*?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,  
How does the creature say *Grace*? How does the creature say *Thanks*?

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say *Joy*? How do your children say *Home*?

### **Hymn of Promise**

*Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,  
*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

*Words by Thomas O. Chisholm and Music by William M. Runyan*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

#### ***Refrain:***

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hands hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

#### ***Refrain***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

#### ***Refrain***