Thank you for worshiping 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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**President of the Congregation:** Mr. James Ferris

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

**Ministers: ALL** 



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 28, 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**

"God's voice names us in holy love. Christ's voice chastens us when we go astray. The Spirit's voice draws us back to the paths of righteousness. Thanks be to God!"

# The Gathering

PRELUDE

**GREETING & INVOCATION** 

# Awaken to the Word

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters and lead them in praise.
- P: You did not despise the afflicted nor turn a deaf ear when they cried to you.
- L: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O God; all families shall worship the Lord.
- P: We will tell of your deeds to those who follow and proclaim your deliverance to all.
- L: Let us worship God!

ALL: Amen and amen!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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

We glory in your holy name, O God; we marvel at your wondrous works. You gathered a nation around you and called it blessed. You spared not your own Son but sent him in the midst of a people to redeem them from sin. We gather this day to bear witness to your majesty. Our hearts rejoice in the promise of your covenant of love; our souls are cleansed by your mercy. Our bodies rise to bless your name; our voices sing your praises.

\*SILENT PRAYERS

# Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 17:1-17, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly

Response to the Word

HYMN

"O Love of God, How Strong and True"

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PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS: MISSIONS AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

Donations can be made with our NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION on our website, 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:

Source of all goodness, what can we give that has not already been given to us? Surely no gift of ours can repay Christ's gift of love. Therefore, we offer ourselves, with thanksgiving for new life in the Spirit, and place before you what we have in response to your love. Use us in ways that fulfill your plan for creation, and bless what we give, so that others may learn of your ways. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sent Forth by the Word

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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BENEDICTION

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

#### FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 7, 2021

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

**Psalm:** Psalm 19

**Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25** 

**Gospel: John 2:13-22** 

#### HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 – WEDNESDAY@ 7 PM on FACEBOOK LIVE @drnatalie Wimberly and conference call-in: 1-313-209-8800. The ID# is 796-8500, then press # beginning March 3rd.

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**

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

Beth Hinckle

Dave Rogers

## **HOME/HOSPITAL (HOSPICE\*)**

Kathleen Dumont

Jerrod Ogden

Sally Busteed

Amy Ledford-Austin

| Tom St. Clair       | Lynn Sawyer       | Bob Straut, Jr.        |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Edward Thompson     | Kay Tokarz        | Bob Tucker, Jr.        |
| Heather Waldenstrom | Kenny Wendell     |                        |
|                     | Номе              |                        |
| Robert Boule'       | Christine Burke   | Pattie Chapman         |
| Elaine Coffin       | Ruth Daggs        | Kimberly Deeken        |
| Collin Fuller       | Rev. Patti Girard | Bambi Greychek-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          |
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# UNSPOKEN PRAYERS (UPDATED WEEKLY): 61

**NOTE:** <u>Art Norton</u> 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,<br>Home/Hospital, Home |
| Your Name & P                                     | hone #                                                             |                                         |
| If you would like                                 | a card sent, please include                                        | the ADDRESS below:                      |
| *Type of Card:                                    | for - Call me for Address.  "Get Well," "Sympathy," "as," other    |                                         |
|                                                   | e your request on the <b>LONG</b><br>rge <b>LT</b> at top of form. | G-TERM PRAYERS,                         |
| *If you would like <b>HANDS</b> , please <b>c</b> | $e$ $a$ Visit, Transportation, check here: $\square$               | or Meals from HELPING                   |
| -                                                 | your Prayer Concerns in<br>e Office by mail or call, 518-7         | •                                       |

# 2021 Pledge to Harrisena Community Church

Please complete all information on the pledge card.

| First                                           |              | Last                                        |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| First After prayerful co                        | onsideration | Last<br>, I/we have committed t             | o pledge as follows: |
| Pledge Giving<br>Schedule<br>(Select one below) |              | Giving Amount<br>(Per Schedule<br>Selected) | Total Annual Pledg   |
| Weekly                                          |              |                                             | (x52)                |
| Monthly                                         |              |                                             | (x12)                |
| Quarterly                                       |              |                                             | (x4)                 |
| Semiannually                                    |              |                                             | (x2)                 |
| Annually                                        |              |                                             | (x1)                 |
| Other                                           |              |                                             |                      |
| Do you wish Printed Email Address:              | to have Ple  | edge Envelopes?: Yes                        | No                   |
| Printed Mailing Address:                        |              |                                             |                      |
|                                                 | City         | Street A                                    | Address Zip          |
| SIGNED:                                         |              | D                                           | ATE:                 |

For questions, please contact treasurers Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias or financial secretary

Cheryl Straut.

THE LENTEN SEASON

God gathers us as a Beachcomber gathers and marvels at every precious surviving piece of beach glass she finds. We are never alone. We are never lost to the One who seeks humanity's wholeness. We affirm our commitment to be the Body of Christ that knows we cannot be personally healed until we see the interconnected community as part of the process of healing. Jesus has the power to re-vision the family of God in which false boundaries are overcome. In a year of devastating loss of livelihood, we consider the economic health that reimagines status quo.

Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, which include the communities of which we are a part.

Let us pray:

God of All,

You created us for each other. You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another.

Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up.

We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity. We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices.

Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness.

We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

Help us, Healer.
Show us our empathy.
Forgive our complacence.
Move us to move
one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

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.

## **The God of Abraham Praise**

Words by Daniel ben Judah & Hebrew melody adapted by Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; The ancient of eternal days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed, We bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your Spirit still flows free, high surging where it will; In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul' Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages toll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name; Who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!

# O Love of God, How Strong and True

Words by Horatius Bonar and Music by Johann H. Schein

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; Un-comprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate; Self-fed, self0kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite!

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

### My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Words by Ray Palmer and Music by Lowell Mason

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.