

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



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 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

*“We are changing. You are changing. God is already at work in you,  
renewing your spirit. Anticipate the new thing that God is doing.  
Can you feel it?”*

### The Gathering

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING & INVOCATION

### Awaken to the Word

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall  
be whiter than snow.**

L: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite  
heart, O God, you will not despise.

**P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing  
spirit.**

L: Let us worship God!

*ALL: Amen and amen!*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*      **#96**

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

O God, who fashioned the covenant and sealed it with the promise of life  
everlasting, we praise you for mercies that are boundless and sure. Your ways  
are just, your grace is unending. You have sent us the Christ in whom lies your  
promise that all things will be made new. We come before your throne of grace  
with the assurance that you will meet us as we call on your name. Hear us now  
as we give our oblations and be pleased with our efforts, as we respond to Christ's  
call.

#### **\*SILENT PRAYERS**

## Proclamation of the Word

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

**John 12:20-33**

*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

*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

**#504**

#### 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:

**Most giving and forgiving God, you provide for our every need. You  
open our lips to offer you praise. You strengthen our hands to respond  
to Christ's call. With hearts, hands, and voices renewed by your  
Spirit, we place now before you our commitment to serve. Use us in  
ways that will benefit others and accept what we offer as a sign of our  
faith. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sent Forth by the Word

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**      *“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”*      **#355**

#### 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

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021

**First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16 (Palm Sunday: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29)**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

**Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)**

**(Palm Sunday: Mark 11:1-11)**

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## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IN-PERSON and 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.**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at 6:00 AM in the HCC parking lot.**

**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, Robin Dutcher, Mary Alice Clickner, Phyllis Straut, Donna Davidson-Smith, Bonnie and Phil Nadig, Shirley Harney** and all those who have contributed to this ministry with your prayers, time and financial resources.

**Easter is less than a month away,** and the Flower Committee would like your thoughts on decorating the church with Easter plants this year. Please contact **Phyllis Straut at 518 7933-5669** with your suggestions. Thank you.

## OUR PRAYERS

Manu Malkani – The Terrace  
Jim Nobile – Fort Hudson  
Art Norton – The Warren Center  
Gordon Wallace, Sr. – Glens Falls Hospital

### HOME/HOSPITAL (HOSPICE\*)

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

### HOME

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

### UNSPOKEN PRAYERS (UPDATED WEEKLY): 61

**My Apologies to Donna Bigelow** for listing Charles Watkins in our Condolences last week. Charles is on Hospice care..

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

**Warren Center, 42 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*

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**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**

The demands of following Jesus are great. He shows us that sometimes we must make extraordinary efforts to move in a new direction. As we consider the health of humanity, we cannot ignore the need to heal the very planet that sustains us. We live in increasing chaos of a beleaguered environment and the hoarding of resources. We want to be “*saved*” by something or someone else, but we discover this week that we are in the boat with the One who shows us our power to turn it around, to calm the storm. We protect the jewel that is our home, restoring something beautiful from scars of the past.

Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, especially this holy container of life on which we live—this very planet.

Let us pray:

Life-giving God,

In the beginning, you created this universe with a phrase, “*Let it be...*” and the waters and dry land, the sky and the creatures were formed.

You set humanity among these wonders and invited us to care and honor all things.

We have not successfully answered that call.

Seeing the abundance as a feast that would never end, we gorged ourselves, taking more than we could replenish at a rate that could not be sustained.

We are beginning to comprehend the magnitude, beginning to see that things cannot just keep going “*as usual*” and not have dire consequences.

We are frightened, which is partly why we are slow to accept it.

But we now are witnesses to the forces of a world more broken that when we inherited it:

water, wind, and wave, fire, drought, and earthquake

that signal it is time to pay attention and to make real change.

Too often we think there is nothing we can do—that the change required is too great.

It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the small things that could make a difference

for our own community.

Help us, Healer.

Show us our ability to chart a different course.

Forgive our inaction.

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.**

### **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*Words by Charles Wesley & Music by Carl G. Glaser*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given,  
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

### **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

*Words & Music: Anonymous*

I am weak, but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

#### **Refrain:**

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but  
thee.

#### **Refrain**

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

#### **Refrain**

### **This Is a Day of New Beginnings**

*Words by Brian Wren and Music by Carlton R. Young*

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to  
find.