

Sunday, December 13, 2020  
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 AM

**Mr. Timothy Flynn \* Pastor**

**Carolyn Lansing \* Organist & Choir Director**

(\*People Stand If Able)

*Please mute your cell phones*

PRELUDE *(Time for quiet reflection & meditation)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

**COME, LET US WORSHIP**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 80:17-19

SENTENCES

Psalm 126

(with Congregational Response)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**SALUTATION**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.....Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn # 125      “Joy To The World”**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING**

**Isaiah 61:8-11**

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

**Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #622**

**PRAYER (in Unison):**

God of justice and peace,  
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness,  
that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your  
marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we  
may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand  
without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 128 "How Great Our Joy  
While Shepherd Watch"**

**\*OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY #625 (found in the back of the hymnal)**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Children preschool age and below are dismissed for  
nursery care following the Children's Message)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 1:46-55**

**MESSAGE: "A Willing Vessel"**

**\*HYMN # 124      “While Shepherds Watch  
Their Flocks”**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**AMITY REFORMED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

*“Our mission is to grow into the people God created us to be in Jesus Christ through Worship, Service and Fellowship within our congregation and our community.”*

**TODAY AT AMITY**

**Today's Greeter: Eileen Koegler**

**COMING UP AT AMITY**

**Monday, December 14, 2020 Consistory Meeting      7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Bible Study      6:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Service**

**7:00 PM Family Service.    11:00 PM Musical Service.**

**\*\* Arch Angels will be collecting non-perishable items from now till December 14<sup>th</sup> to make Baskets to Share. Please see Debbie Bango or the office for more information.**

**\*\* Please remember that we have a RADA Fund raiser on our Facebook page. The church receives a percentage of each sale. These make a great Christmas and Holiday party gifts. They have much more than just knives. This is a contact free fundraiser. You place your orders online and they are delivered to your home.**

**\*\*Please note the Christmas tree in back with a list of toys for local children through Captains You and Family Services. You can select a toy from the list and drop it unwrapped in the children's room where there is a box.**

**2020 CONSISTORY**

**ELDERS**

Patti Knowlton	371-0494	Debbie Bango	369-3699
Judy Cranfield	847-3575	Will Shippey	423-6606
Georgia Beatty	371-2568	Dan Cargill	312-2157
Jane Stevens	383-3107	Jeff Sauter	384-1034

**DEACONS**

***Pastor Tim is available for pastoral calls. You can contact him at (518) 334-0408.***

Boy Scout Troop 30 meets every Wed. @ 6:30 pm in Chapel Hall  
Girl Scouts meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's in Chapel Hall

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS**

**Offering from December 6, 2020**

Program	\$3,791.00
Benevolence	\$199.00
Special	\$49.70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,039.70</b>

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**December Mission:**

**Things of My Very Own, Inc.**  
**(1011 Cheyenne Rd., Scotia, NY 12302)**

Things of My Very Own, Inc. provides crisis intervention services to children impacted by extensive abuse and/or neglect. Our goal is to keep children together with non-abusive family members, and out of the foster care system, whenever possible. Legally a child must have their own bed, warm blankets, clothing, hygiene products and an adequate supply of food to remain with their non-abusive family members. We strive to ensure that these children are given everything they need from the first moment on and to help them know that what they have endured does not define

who they grow up to be.  
[www.thingsofmyveryown.org](http://www.thingsofmyveryown.org)