

Sunday, March 5, 2023  
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 118:28-29

**SENTENCES** Psalm 121

(with Congregational Response)

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help  
come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and  
earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will  
not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your  
right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by  
night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep you going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**SALUTATION** Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and  
your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will

show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ..... Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn #88 "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**Responsive Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

**For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.**

For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

**Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.**

But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

**For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.**

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

**For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.**

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

**as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he**

believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**\*GLORIA PATRI #622**

**PRAYER (in Unison):**

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment. Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #42 "Seek Ye First"**

**\*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:** John 3:1-17

**Message:** “The Kingdom of God”

**\*HYMN #4** “How Great thou Art”

**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:**

**Marcia Bailey**

**COMING UP AT AMITY**

**Monday, March 6, 2023** Weatherization Training 6:30 PM

**Friday, March 10, 2023** Tuff Talk MTG 6:00 PM

**Monday, March 13, 2023** Elders & Deacons MTG 6:00 PM

**Monday, March 13, 2023** Consistory MTG 7:00 PM

*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> Thursdays in Chapel Hall

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS**

**Offering from February 26, 2023**

Program	\$498.00
Special Income	\$82.40
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$580.40</u></b>

**Monthly Mission:**

**Schenectady City Mission**

**425 Hamilton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305**

**518-346-2275**

City Mission of Schenectady, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in work and deed. Our ministries seek to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community. Our goal is to provide not only HELP for today, but HOPE for tomorrow. We want to help people who are in need right now by meeting basic needs like, food, shelter and clothing. Providing these life essentials are at the core of who we are.

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