

Sunday, April 16, 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 119:26

SENTENCES Psalm 16

(with Congregational Response)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let

your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SALUTATION

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.....
Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #208 "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"**

Responsive Reading:

Acts 2:29-32

When "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the

Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #95 "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know"**

***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 20:19-31

Message: “Blessed Are Those...Who Believe”

***HYMN #435 “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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:

Jean Hill

COMING UP AT AMITY

Friday, April 21, 2023 Brooks BBQ 3-6 PM

Pre-Sale Tickets Available See Jean Hill

***** The Family of John Ward would like to invite the Amity Family to the Funeral Service of the late John Ward on: Saturday May 20, 2023 @ 12:00 pm with a reception at the Fire House following.

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 2nd & 4th Thursdays in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS
Offering from April 9, 2023

Program	\$1,144.00
Benevolence	\$40.00
Rental Income	\$20.00
Special Income	\$39.50
Miscellaneous	\$37.00
Total:	<u>\$1,576.50</u>

Monthly Mission:

**Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund and/or Camp Fowler
Conference and Retreat Center
1790 Grand Blvd., Schenectady, NY 12309**

For over 64 years the ministry at Camp Fowler has worked in partnership with the churches in upstate to help us all live our baptismal vows to “love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God’s love and being an example of Christian faith and character” (RCA baptismal liturgy) We function first and foremost as a summer camp, aiming to provide space for children to be themselves, learn from those who are different from them, and intimately experience wonder and love. In the off season, we offer on-site retreats that revolve around themes of stewardship, relationships, youth ministry, and spirituality.

www.campfowler.org

*** If any of our Amity young people are interested in going to camp we could supplement part the expense (Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund) or we can do what we have done in the past and send the all of the donations to the Regional Synod office.