

Sunday, April 23, 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 119:31-32

**SENTENCES** Psalm 116:12-19

(with Congregational Response)

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**SALUTATION**

**Acts 2:38:41**

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added..... Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn #45 "Surely Goodness and Mercy"**

**Responsive Reading:**

**1 Peter 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

**You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,**

but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

**He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.**

Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.**

You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,

through the living and enduring word of God.

**\*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 #73 "Thou Art Worthy"**

**\*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:** Luke 24:13-35

**Message:** “When You Realize He Was With You All Along”

**\*HYMN #2** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**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:**

**Jean Hill**

**COMING UP AT AMITY**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023** Loose Change Sunday  
**Monday, May 8, 2023** Elders & Deacons MTG 6:00 PM  
**Monday, May 8, 2023** Consistory MTG 7:00 PM  
**Sunday, May 14, 2023** \*\*\*Mother's Day\*\*\*  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2023** ARC Angels MTG 10:30 AM  
**Saturday, May 20, 2023** John Ward Funeral Service 12:00 PM

\*\*\*\*\* 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. Please see Sue Howard to sign up to make a dessert for the reception. \*\*\*\*\*

***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 April 16, 2023**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Program                    | \$1,007.00               |
| Benevolence                | \$50.00                  |
| Special Income             | \$20.00                  |
| <b>Total:</b>              | <b><u>\$1,077.00</u></b> |
| <b>Spring Rummage Sale</b> | <b><u>\$3,024.35</u></b> |

**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](http://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.