

Sunday, April 30, 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 119:43-44

**SENTENCES** Psalm 23

(with Congregational Response)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

**SALUTATION** 1 Peter 2:23-25

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his

body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.....  
Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn #345 "Blessed Assurance"**

**Responsive Reading: John 10:1-10**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

**The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.**

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

**When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.**

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

**Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.**

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

**All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.**

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."**

**\*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 #446 "I Will Serve Thee"**

**\*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: Acts 2:42-47**

**Message: "Day by Day"**

**\*HYMN #398 "Fill My Cup Lord"**

**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:**

**Ellen Shippey**

**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

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*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 23, 2023**

Program	\$743.00
Special Income	\$20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$763.00</u></b>
Brooks BBQ	<b><u>\$6,164.00</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.