

Sunday, May 14, 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 119:57-58

SENTENCES Psalm 66:8-20

(with Congregational Response)

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of

bulls and goats. Selah

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

SALUTATION

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals' life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which

he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.".....
Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #259 “Breathe On me Breath of God”**

Responsive Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? **But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,**

but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; **yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.**

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.**

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us, in the home of the Father of us all. Draw us more deeply into yourself, through scripture read, water splashed, bread broken, wine poured, so that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #435 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"**

***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 14:15-21

Message: "Dear Mom..."

*HYMN #4 “How Great Thou Art”

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:

Sue Howard

COMING UP AT AMITY

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 ARC Angels MTG 10:30 AM

Saturday, May 20, 2023 John Ward Funeral Service 12:00 PM

Friday, June 2, 2023 Outdoor Movie Night 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 3, 2023 Ladies Tea Party 2:00 PM

Please See Ellen Shippey For Tickets

***** 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 2nd & 4th Thursdays in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Offering from May 7, 2023

Program	\$966.00
Benevolence	\$205.00
Special Income	\$12.10
Total:	<u>\$1,183.10</u>

Monthly Mission:

After the Fire

P.O. Box 4188 Halfmoon, NY 12065

After the fire is a volunteer, non-profit, publicly supported organization helping people in Saratoga County who have been victims of fire in their home. Members are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work with families during and after the fire helping with a place to stay, personal care items, clothing, food, information and emotional support.

www.afterthefire.org