Sunday, May 7, 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 SENTENCES

Psalm 119:49-50 Psalm 31:1-5

#### (with Congregational Response)

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

## SALUTATION

## Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died...... Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### \*Hymn #195 "Nothing But the Blood "

#### **Responsive Reading:**

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

#### And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

# Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him,

"Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.**  Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

#### \*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 #41 "God is So Good"

#### \*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)

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Message: "Building From the Ground Up"

\*HYMN #52 "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past"

#### **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 Loose Change Sunday Today's Greeter: **Ellen Shippey** COMING UP AT AMITY Monday, May 8, 2023 Elders & Deacons MTG 6:00 PM Monday, May 8, 2023 Consistory MTG 7:00 PM \*\*\*Mother's Day\*\*\* Sunday, May 14, 2023 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

#### FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Offering from April 30, 2	2023
Program	\$1,080.00
Special Income	\$2.40
Total:	<u>\$1,082.40</u>

#### <u>Monthly Mission:</u> 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