

Sunday, July 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** John 3:16

**SENTENCES** Psalm 139:1-12

(with Congregational Response)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

### **SALUTATION**

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.....Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn #204 "Rock of Ages"**

### **Responsive Reading:**

**Romans 8:14-23**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"**

it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not

worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.  
**For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;**  
for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope  
**that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;  
**and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #622**

**PRAYER (in Unison):**

To fulfill the ancient promise of salvation, O God, you made a covenant with our ancestors and pledged them descendants more numerous than the stars. Grant that all people may share in the blessings of your covenant, accomplished through the death and resurrection of your Son and sealed by the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #282 "The Family of God"**

**\*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: Matthew 4:18**

**Message: "Israel, A Journey"**

**\*HYMN #42 "Seek Ye First"**

**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, July 30, 2023 Children's Sunday Service in the Pavilion with the Church Picnic to follow please see insert.**

\*\*\*\*Items being brought to the picnic so far;  
Potato salad, Mexican street corn, Broccoli/zucchini dish,  
Sausage & sauce, Cheese cake, Chips & Soda, Plates &  
napkins\*\*\*\*

*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 July 16, 2023**

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Program       | \$945.00               |
| Benevolence   | \$10.00                |
| Rental Income | \$15.00                |
| Miscellaneous | \$20.00                |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b><u>\$990.00</u></b> |

**Monthly Mission:**  
**Camp Lovejoy**  
**3476 Lovejoy Road Altamont, NY**  
**(518) 861-8351**

Camp Lovejoy is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady's very own Summer Day Camp located in the Helderberg Mountains of Altamont, NY. Acquired in 1957 with a generous contribution from Jesse R. Lovejoy, the grounds include a swimming pool, ponds, hiking trails, an outdoor amphitheater, arts & crafts building, picnic pavilions, and playing fields. Enrolled campers are transported daily by bus to Camp Lovejoy. Parents may also drive campers to

and from camp if they choose or if buses are full. Lunch and an afternoon snack are included in the fee. All campers enjoy a wide range of activities including daily swims, swim lessons, sports, project adventure, arts & crafts, dance, science & nature, and more more!

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