

Sunday, July 30, 2023
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 AM
Mr. Timothy Flynn * Pastor
Children's Day!

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 1:1

SENTENCES

Psalm 128

(with Congregational Response)

Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

SALUTATION

1 Kings 3:9-12

Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him,

"Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.....Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #579 "Jesus Loves Me"**

Responsive Reading: Romans 8:34-39

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***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 #238 "The King Is Coming"**

***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 13:44-52

Message: "Quick, Call the King!"

***HYMN #26 "A Mighty Fortress"**

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:

Ellen Shippey

COMING UP AT AMITY

Sunday, August 6, 2023 Communion Sunday/Loose Change

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 ARC Angels Mtg in the Hall 10 AM

Thursday, July 20, 2023 Ice Cream Social 6:00-8:00 PM

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 July 23, 2023

Program	\$757.00
Benevolence	\$5.00
Special Income	\$371.00
Total:	<u>\$1,133.00</u>

Monthly Mission:
RCA, Missionary

Bob and Amy Abel

Book a dinner reservation, text a friend, say a prayer—these are all things you can do in 30 seconds. In that same amount of time, two children are sold for the first time into sex slavery. That adds up to 3,300 per day and 1.2 million sold each year. The only way to combat those numbers is through prevention. Remember Nhu provides freedom for children around the world by ending the supply of vulnerable children for the sex trade. Through the gospel, the children also receive freedom for eternity. Bob Abel provides direction for Remember Nhu missionary staff, including pastoral care, new missionary transition, discipleship support, and leadership development. Remember Nhu currently operates in 16 countries through 100 homes for children, preventing 2,000 children from entering the sex trade.

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