

Sunday, August 27, 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 1:9**

**SENTENCES**

**Psalm 124**

(with Congregational Response)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side -- let Israel  
now say --

**if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when  
our enemies attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their  
anger was kindled against us;

**then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent  
would have gone over us;**

then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to  
their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven  
and earth.**

**SALUTATION**

**Romans 12:1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.....Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn #25 "Immortal, Invisible"**

**Responsive Reading:**

**Isaiah 51:1- 6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

**Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.**

For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

**Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.**

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

**Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #622**

**PRAYER (in Unison):**

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive the petitions of your church on behalf of the needs of the world.

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

**\*HYMN #5 "Be Exalted Oh God"**

**\*OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY #625 (found in the back of the hymnal)**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE: Exodus 1:8-2:10**

**Message: "God has Not Given Us a Spirit of Fear"**

**\*HYMN #43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**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:***

**Jane Stevens**

**COMING UP AT AMITY**

**Sunday, September 3, 2023** Loose Change Sunday  
**Monday, September 11, 2023** Elders & Deacons Mtg 6:00 PM  
**Monday, September 11, 2023** Consistory Mtg 7:00 PM  
**Friday, September 15, 2023** Brooks BBQ 3:00-6:00 PM  
**Saturday, September 16, 2023** Farm Fest 11:00 AM-1:00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in Chapel Hall

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS**

**Offering from August 20, 2023**

Program	\$1,412.00
Benevolence	\$5.00
Special Income	\$220.00
Miscellaneous	\$307.64
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$1,944.64</u></b>

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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