

Sunday, December 10, 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

Isaiah 9:2,6

SENTENCES

Psalm 85:8-13

(with Congregational Response)

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and
righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path
for his steps.**

SALUTATION

2 Peter 3:8-15

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not

wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him..... Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #128 "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"**

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All

people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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

***HYMN #148 "Oh Holy Night"**

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Peace

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:1-8

Message: “Come Home”

***HYMN #131 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”**

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

Communion Sunday &
Loose Change Sunday

Today's Greeter:

Will Shippey

COMING UP AT AMITY

<u>Monday, December 11, 2023</u>	Elders & Deacons Mtg	6:00 PM
<u>Monday, December 11, 2023</u>	Consistory Mtg	7:00 PM
<u>Sunday, December 17, 2023</u>	New Members Mtg	3:00 PM
<u>Sunday, December 17, 2023</u>	Christmas Caroling & Pizza Party	4:00 PM
<u>Sunday, December 24, 2023</u>	Christmas Eve Services are:	10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**Sunday, December 31, 2023 Congregational Mtg immediately
Following Church Service**

***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 meet on Thurs. @ 6:30 in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Offering from December 3, 2023

Program	\$1,296.00
Benevolence	\$150.00
Special Income	\$40.30
Miscellaneous	\$.30
Total:	<u>\$1,486.60</u>

Monthly Mission:

RCA, General Humanitarian Problems

“Feed One”

**Make a gift to Feed One to help address hunger and
support sustainable agriculture worldwide.**

www.rca.org/give/feed-one-care-network

hello@rca.org

This Week's Prayer List

(Please have prayer requests sent to the office no later than Thursday to be added to the list)

**Jim Lee, Hester Male, Ginny Shippey, Pam Howard,
Mike & Kathy Whitehead, Doug Gould, Johnny Cranfield,
Miss Millie, Joe & Donna Flynn, Tristian's recovery, The
Sauter Family, Georgia Beatty, Zoey Lansing, Unspoken,
World Unrest, Our Military & 1st Responders**