

Sunday, December 17, 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 7:14

SENTENCES

Psalms 126

(with Congregational Response)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SALUTATION

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of

vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory..... Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #136 "The First Noel"**

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:46-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants 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 forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN #141 "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"**

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joy

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Message: "It's Okay to Rejoice!"

***HYMN #138 "Go Tell It on the Mountains"**

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

New Members Mtg 3:00 pm
Christmas Caroling & Pizza 4:00 pm

Today's Greeter:

Will Shippey

COMING UP AT AMITY

Sunday, December 24, 2023 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 10, 2023

Program	\$2,122.00
Benevolence	\$80.00
Special Income	\$40.00
Miscellaneous	\$61.00
Total:	<u>\$2,303.00</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, 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