

Sunday, August 25, 2024
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Jennie Sauer * Guest Speaker

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

Psalm 34:17

SENTENCES

Psalm 84 1-12

(with Congregational Response)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing
your praise. *Selah***

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart
are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a
place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be
seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of
Jacob! *Selah***

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of**

my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SALUTATION

Ephesians 6:2-10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

***Hymn #481 “Stand Up for Jesus”**

Responsive Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.

He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,

The covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

O God, sustain us in the complexity of our humanity as you sustained David- playing the harp of youth, throwing stones at giant problems, loving our friends beyond wisdom, dancing worship, mourning children, breaking our hearts in psalms, and longing for warmth in our old bones. Amen.

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

***HYMN #258 "We Are Gathered for Thy Blessing"**

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: John 6:56-69

Message: "Belief in the Holy Spirit"

***HYMN #270 "Wonderful Word of Life"**

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

<u>Monday, September 9, 2024</u>	Elders & Deacons	6:00 PM
<u>Monday, September 9, 2024</u>	Consistory Mtg	7:00 PM
<u>Friday, September 13, 2024</u>	Brooks BBQ	3:00-6:00 PM

Pastor Tim is available for pastoral calls. You can contact him at (518) 334-0408.

**** Current Elders; Dan Cargill, Jean Hill, Patty Knowlton & Barb Sauter.

**** Current Deacons; Debbie Bango, Jane Cargill, Carolyn Lansing & Will Shippey

Boy Scout Troop 30 meets every Wed. @ 6:45 pm in Chapel Hall
Girl Scouts meet on Thurs. @ 6:30 in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Monthly Mission:

Bob & Amy Abel

RCA Global

(616-541-0835)

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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This Week's Prayer List

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

The Lee Family, The Finke Family, Mike & Kathy Whitehead, Clara had a death in her family, Doug Gould, Johnny & Judy Cranfield, Miss Millie, Maggie, Moriah, Bob Shippey, Brittany Hernandez, Joe & Donna Flynn, Emily & Family, Georgia Beatty, Bill LaRose, Carolyn & Zoey Lansing, Pastor Kent, Pastor Heather, Unspoken, World Unrest, Our Military & 1st Responders