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Sunday, April 6, 2025 ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Mr. Timothy Flynn * Pastor

Carolyn Lansing * Organist & Choir Director

(*People Stand If Able)

<u>Please mute your cell phones</u>

PRELUDE (*Time for quiet reflection & meditation*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS INTROIT

COME, LET US WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP SENTENCES

Romans 8:22-23 Psalm 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 desert.**

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 43:18-21

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.....Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn #504 "He Touched Me"

Responsive Reading:

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him.** Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.

Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*GLORIA PATRI #622

Q&A 22

Q. What then must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

Q&A 23

Q. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER (in Unison):

Open our lips oh Lord, and our mouths will speak your praise. You do not delight in burnt offerings, or we would bring them. Our sacrifice is a broken heart and a contrite spirit, which you have promised that you will not despise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*HYMN #519 "Something Beautiful"

*OFFERING

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

- SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:4-14
- Message: "Press On"
- *HYMN #511 "Now I Belong to Jesus"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

<u>AMITY REFORMED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT</u> "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:

Irene Stallmer

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COMING UP AT AMITY

<u>Tuesday, April 8, 2025</u>	ARC Angels MTG	10:00 AM	
Thursday, April 17, 2025	Maundy Thursday Servic	e 7:00 PM	
Sunday, April 20, 2025	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 AM	
Breakfast to follow			
Friday & Saturday April 25 th & 26 th Spring Rummage Sale			
	9:00 AN	I – 2:00 PM	
Pastor Tim is available for pastoral calls. You can contact him			

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

**** Current Deacons; Mark Hill, Dan 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

Offering from March 30, 20	25
Program	\$770.00
Special Income	\$138.20
Total:	\$908.20

Monthly Mission: Camp Fowler 152 Pelcher Road Lake Pleasant NY 518-631-6789

Worship at Fowler is a natural response to the beauty of God's world and the friendship and love we feel as we gather in community. Throughout the week, our daily Morning Watch, Discovery Time, and Evening Vespers, are all times to come together and respond in gratitude and love to God. We also share how we have seen this love most fully in life of Jesus Christ. Fowler is owned and operated by the Reformed Church in America, the oldest continuous protestant denomination in the United States. Part of that heritage is the understanding that all are welcome at camp, whether you call yourself a follower of Christ or not. And while our leadership continue to uphold Christ as Lord of our lives, it is our hope that all will find space to worship and practice gratitude here. campfowler.org

This Week's Prayer List

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

The Family of Agnes Molitor, Kathy Whitehead, Clara and her family, Doug Gould, Johnny and Judy Cranfield, Miss Millie, Marriah, Bob Shippey, Stephen Krom, Joe Flynn, Georgia Beatty, Pastor Kent, Unspoken, World Unrest, Our Military and 1st Responders.