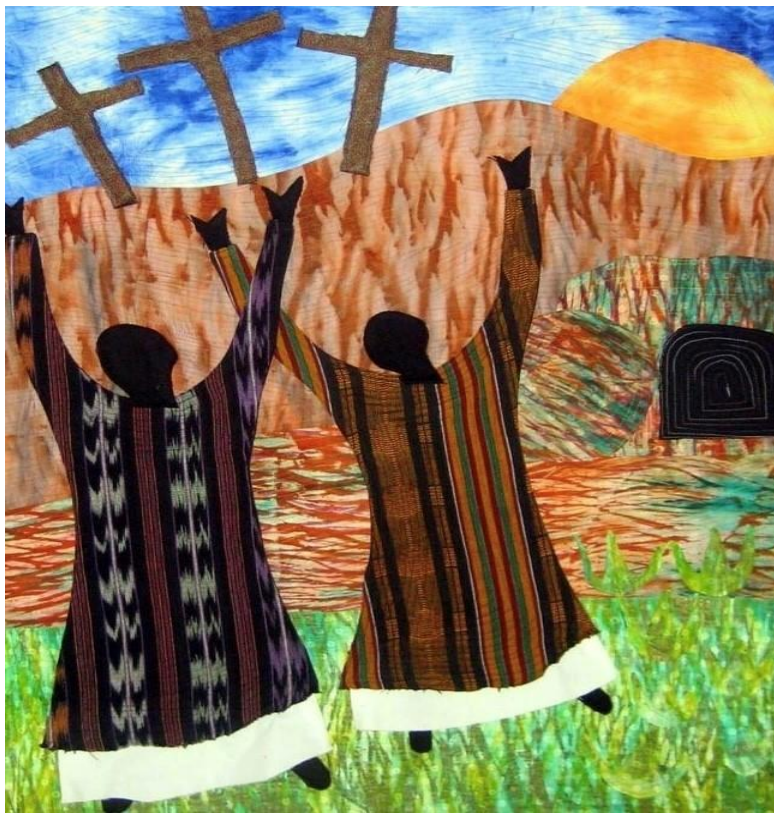


Amity Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing

Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here. At Amity, we truly believe that each person is a loved child of God, so we seek to welcome everyone as fully as God does. We celebrate the presence of children of all ages in worship, along with their noise and wiggles. Please make yourself at home.

Rev. Megan Argabrite, Rev. Amisi Ngongo
Worship Leader: Julie Corder

Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius
Accompanist: Shaun T. Koh

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We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS / MATANGAZO NA KARIBU

PRAYER FOR THE DAY / SALA YA ASUBUHI

*CALL TO WORSHIP / WITO KWA IBADA

People of God, look! The stone is rolled away!

But where is our Lord?

He is not here, for he is risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

Jiwe limeviringishwa. Kristo yu hai! Bwana Yesu asifiwe!

Amina!

*SONG OF PRAISE / WIMBO WA SIFA *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* #232

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / SALA YA KUUNGAMA

Singing together:

Music: #695

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. (repeat)

Guided Prayer / Maombi ya Kuongozwa

Time of Silent Confession / Maombi Ya Kimya

ASSURANCE OF GRACE / AHADI YA NEEMA

One: ...Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, amen!

One: Habari njema ya Injili inasema katika Yesu Kristo, tumesamehewa. Bwana asifiwe!

Many: Amina!

We Proclaim the Word

THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS / INJILI KWA WATOTO
Children may come to the front. / Watoto wanaweza kuja mbele.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS / MAUA MSALABANI

THE GIFT OF MUSIC *All Things Work Together for Good* John Carter

All things work together for good to those who love the Lord.
To those who are called according to his purpose, to those who love the Lord.

HOLY SCRIPTURE / MAANDIKO MATAKATIFU Mark 1:1-8 / Marko 1:1-8
Page 1556 in Pew Bible

*SUNG RESPONSE / IMBA UTUKUFU *Glory Be to the Father* Hymn #581
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

THE MESSAGE / MAHUBIRI Rev. Argabrite and Rev. Ngongo

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER / MAOMBI NA BWANA WETU
Unakaribishwa kuomba kwa lugha unayoongea.
The English words are found on page 35 of the hymnal.

*OFFERING SONG / SADAKA African Fellowship Choir
Opendo Wa Yesu Kristo / The Love of Jesus Christ

We Follow the Word Into the World

*BENEDICTION / BARAKA

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE / WIMBO WA BARAKA
Halle, halle, halle-lujah! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand, if able

Announcements

The church office will be closed this Tuesday and will reopen Wednesday.

Bilingual Worship Today! Since we are one church in Christ, there is no better day to worship the Lord together than Easter Sunday. This morning, the African Fellowship at Amity is worshipping at 11:00 instead of 2:00. As we praise God in both English and Swahili, we give witness to the unity and diversity of Christ's church. *Bwana asifiwe!* Praise the Lord!

Easter Egg Hunt After Worship Today! Children are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary after worship, where they will receive instructions for the Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the fun.

Ten Cents a Meal is part of our offering today. Use the enclosed envelope.

Presbyterian Women's Night Circle meets Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Amity Room. **PW Morning Circle** meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

Food Justice Ministry Team is having two additional raised beds added to our Edible Landscape and Orchard by Mecklenburg County on Tuesday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Programs for the children will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the NC State Master Gardeners. Lunch will be provided in Johnston Hall. Come join us to help set up these new beds.

Save the Date! On Sunday, April 21st everyone is invited to worship with the African Fellowship at Amity at 2:00 p.m. In celebration of their arrival to Amity one year ago, there will be a special worship service and African meal. There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship that morning since we will worship together as a congregation at 2:00 p.m. More details to come!