

Amity Presbyterian Church



Third Sunday of Eastertide **April 14, 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.

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Worship Leader: Carol Edwards

Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius
Accompanist: Nia Williams

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We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(The congregation speaks the words in **bold**)*

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather as siblings of the resurrected one.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #268

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Singing together:

Music: #475

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God... *(silence)*

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus fed those who were hungry... *(silence)*

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins... *(silence)*

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need... *(silence)*

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness... *(silence)*

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

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

We Proclaim the Word

THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS

Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Walter Ehret

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God, His own doth tend and nourish In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord, His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth And their sorrows all He knoweth

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers; Your Protector never slumbers
At the will of your Defender Ev'ry foeman must surrender
Though he giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 4:32-35* Page 1696 in Pew Bible

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *1 John 3:1-7* Page 1901 in Pew Bible

*SUNG RESPONSE *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.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Megan

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

We Follow the Word Into the World

*SONG OF PRAISE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymn #366

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* Hymn #600

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand, if able

African Fellowship Anniversary Celebration!

On Sunday, April 21st everyone is invited to a church-wide meal and worship service with the African Fellowship at Amity. Lunch will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and worship will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service that morning.**