

Amity Presbyterian Church



Christ the Vine, Tanja Butler

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide **April 28, 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.

Pastor: Rev. Megan Argabrite
Worship Leader: Ella Sue Stokes

Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius
Accompanist: Shaun Koh

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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 this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

for we are the church of Jesus Christ!

We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn #611

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.

Together we make our confession:

Gracious God,

our hearts are restless until they find their home in you.

Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you.

We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough.

We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty.

We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace,

knowing the world cannot provide it.

Forgive us, we pray,

and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone...

Silent prayer

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.

EPISTLE READING *1 John 4:11-19* Page 1902 in Pew Bible

GOSPEL READING *John 15:1-8* Page 1676 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 *We Are One in the Spirit* Hymn #300

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* Hymn #600

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand, if able

Ten-Cents-A-Meal will be part of the offering this morning. This special offering goes to combat hunger and help at-risk youth in the Charlotte Presbytery. Please use the enclosed envelope.

Amity Prayer Needs

Health Needs

Jack Hudspeth

Penny Mills

Betty Valek

Ben Stokes

Tina Emmons

Donna Dobson

Ray and Rick Gelinás

Dick & Marie Houston

Karen Edwards

Elizabeth and Matt Crabtree (Tom Phlegar's daughter)

Stephanie Ellis (Melissa Ellis' daughter)

Teresa Pavlik, cancer (Melissa Pavlik's mother)

Carl Weiss (friend of Kirstin Gelinás)

Bill Ross

Sharon DeBoer

Glenn Butterworth

Jamie Beck

Marilyn Long

Hussein Wilonja

Lwanja

Other Concerns

Angela Johnson and for her daughter, Sarah's, safety

Jimmy Jones, housing

The Farrell Family (Melissa and Dylan, and sister Christina's health)