

# Amity Presbyterian Church



Ethiopian Orthodox painting of Jesus and his followers

## **Ascension Sunday** **May 12, 2024**

*Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing*

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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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# 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***)

Come! God gathers us for worship,  
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

**Our God is loving and nurturing.**

In love, God saves and supports us,  
teaching us the way we should go.

**Trusting in God, we offer ourselves in praise!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*To God Be the Glory*

Hymn #634

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:*

**Savior God,  
we invite you into our lives for a season,  
only to forget and neglect you once again.  
You beckon us, calling for our attention,  
but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities.  
Remind us, Holy God,  
that you are the source of our flourishing.  
You are the living water by which we have been planted.  
Forgive our unfaithfulness,  
and focus us on you and your Word.  
Receive these confessions and make us new...**

*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.*

THE GIFT OF MUSIC      *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*      Alan Smith

FIRST SCRIPTURE      *Luke 24:44-53*      Page 1645 in Pew Bible

SECOND SCRIPTURE      *John 17:6-11; 15-18*      Page 1679 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

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you once again for this meal, this day, this gift of renewed life. Send us out into your world to be the presence of love and hope to all who despair and fear, that all may have life, and life abundant. Alleluia, amen.**

## INVITATION TO GIVE

### We Follow the Word Into the World

\*SONG OF PRAISE      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*      Hymn #839

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      *Amen*      Hymn #600

\*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand, if able

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**We will celebrate Communion this morning.** At Amity, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Yes, that means you too.

**Happy Mother's Day** to all who are celebrating today.

**Garden Workday** will be next Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come help tend and harvest.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost!** Red is the liturgical color of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and the first Christian believers. You are invited to wear red next Sunday to add to the joy!

**The Seekers** will host bingo night with sandwiches, chips, and dessert on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Johnston Hall at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and share in this fun evening.