

**Dedication of Amherst Presbyterian Church's Courtyard of Honor
Commemoration Service
September 11, 2022**

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

People: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Pastor: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

People: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Pastor: They go from strength to strength;

People: The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Pastor: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than living in the tents of wickedness.

PRAYER

(in unison)

God the universe, the heaven contains your glory. Yet you have come to be with us in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. You are present with us now in the risen Christ. We dedicate this courtyard to your honor and glory. We thank you for all gifts represented in this church, the craft and art of many hands, contributions of time, money, material and labors of love and commitment.

Reading of Names (using response below)

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor

God of all eternity, we dedicate this courtyard to your glory in grateful celebration of the lives of the faithful whose baptism is complete in death. May their witness continue in this place, encourage those who follow, that all may come at last to the home prepared by Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Give us your peace in Christ Jesus, that we may live for him untroubled and unafraid. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this courtyard of your church in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.