

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 14, 2024 — 11:00 AM

Thought for the Day

Today, we welcome the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to DeWitt Community Church. FCA is one of our supported church ministries. FCA's vision is to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of leaders, coaches, and athletes. The FCA ministry at Syracuse University seeks to grow relationships with athletes, coaches, and staff, which demonstrates steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through integrity, serving, teamwork, and excellence.

Prelude **Easter Hymn**
by Michael Bedford

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Now the Green Blade Rises (#311)**

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

All: We also look to the future and the past, knowing that God can make all things new!

Leader: The God who was with those who went before us, is with us as well.

All: Since the risen Christ is among us, we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

Leader: Let us worship God today, giving thanks for what God has done and will do for us!

All: Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Praise be to God!

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Father in Heaven, we pray for your strength when we struggle in our faith. Thank You that we are surrounded by this body of believers and this great cloud of witnesses! Help us, O God, to lay aside everything that weighs us down and the sin that so easily entangles us. Help us to run with perseverance the race that You've marked out for us. Strengthen us to fix our eyes on You and You alone, the author and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

Prayers of the People & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

You can give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal at give.dewittchurch.org

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness
by Craig Courtney

Scripture

Hebrews 12:1-3, 12-15

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. ¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Leader: The Word of The Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

*Closing Hymn

They Did Not Build in Vain (#542)

*Benediction

Postlude

Festival Toccata
by Percy E. Fletcher

Worship Assistant: Ben Hahn

Livestream Tech: Glenn Blair

**Please stand as you are able.*



Women's Association
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

APRIL 21
10 AM & 12 PM IN THE GYM
ADULTS - \$10
AGES 6-12 - \$5
UNDER 5 - FREE
MENU
Ham & Cheese Strata
Sweet Breads, Fruit Cup
French Toast Sticks for the kids

PLEASE RSVP!

Name _____

Adults _____

6-12's _____

under 5's _____

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Large print bulletins are available each Sunday at the Usher's Desk.*

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