



*From dusk to dawn,
from start to finish,
from death to life,
from the cross
to the throne...*

*Jesus
is risen!*



**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ**

Our Church at Worship on Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 10:00 A.M.

***Our Mission: To be an inviting, caring faith community
connecting with Christ.***

Welcome, visitors! Our greeters have welcome bags to share with you,
so please make sure they know you're visiting.

We are delighted to join with you in worship today. We respectfully
remind everyone to keep a healthy social distance from fellow
worshippers as you choose your seats

Tune into Facebook at 10:00 on Sunday to share this time of worship.

You can access that video even if you don't have a Facebook account –
just type in <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityChurchOfRichmond/>

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*Because you have done the completely unexpected deed,
because you have raised Jesus to eternal life,
because you grant us the presence of the risen Christ among us,
because you offer eternal life to those who trust in you,
we praise and magnify your name, our God and King.*

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

EASTER GREETING

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jean Valsa

One: Rejoice, rejoice!

The tomb is empty!

What was dead is alive!

**All: With Mary, we come creeping into the light,
tears of sadness turned into tears of joy,
for Jesus is not dead. He's alive!**

One: Is this a giant divine joke?
Is this God having the last laugh?

**All: Yes and yes and so much more.
We come to worship with laughter and hope,
for life is here:
new life, Christ's life, our best life!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #233

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to John 20:1-10

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark ..."

THE CHANCEL STEPS

*The children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church.
Afterwards, they are invited to remain with their parents in worship.*

SONG RESPONSE "Halle, Halle, Halle" #236

**Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja .
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja.**

ANTHEM "Ring the Easter Bells" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul's First Letter to Corinthians 15:35-42, 51-55

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to John 20:10-18

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'"

MESSAGE We All Will be Changed

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" #245

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

One: We thought you were dead.
We thought the cross was the end.
We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb,
that was it.
But this is it:

**All: The dead are living;
the cross is empty;
the stone is rolled,
and one word describes it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

One: We thought you had said your final word.
We thought those with the power had won.
We thought that when you cried out,
that was it.
But this is it:

**All: the Word breathes;
the powers are defeated;
the final cry was only the beginning,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

One: We thought the story was finished.
We thought the hope had ended.
We thought that when the tomb was sealed,
that was it.
But this is it:

**All: the story has just begun;
the hope is newly born;
the tomb is empty,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

One: This is the news:

All: Jesus is risen!

One: This is the moment:

All: Jesus is alive!

One: This is the gospel:

All: Jesus is with us!

One: We thought that when they crucified you,
death had defeated life,
and that was it.
But this is it:

**All: Love is stronger than death,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.**

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offering Response (we sing)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

**O Lord, you constantly pour out your gifts upon us:
The gift of new life, the gift of new hope,
the gift of resurrection, we celebrate today.
And we bring our own gifts:
of resources, time, and commitment.
Use them to bring new life, new hope, and resurrection
so that what seems dead can find a new purpose.
Amen.**

HYMN "Thine Is the Glory"

#139

*in the **RED songbooks** found at the ends of your row*

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song "Halle, Halle, Halle" #236
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja .
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja.

*POSTLUDE

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Special thanks today to guest hand bell ringers, Carol Berndt and Patty Amann. We're so thankful you shared your gifts with us in worship!

CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY: We meet on Zoom each Tuesday at 1:30pm. Our Meeting ID is 896 5130 1635 and the passcode is 003204. No special knowledge is needed! This Tuesday, we'll be studying John 20.

FOR CONNECTION

COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANT SALE

What is it? A spring sale of perennials and shrubs. A fun new fundraiser.

Who's in charge? Mike Kennedy is point person, supported by Dawn Conley and others from the Men's Club. Mike welcomes help from anyone who's interested!

When will it be? Either May 21 & 22 OR June 4 & 5. We're watching the weather the next couple weeks to decide for sure.

What can you do? Right now what we most need are donations of plants from your yards. Hostas, coneflowers, daylilies, phlox are all great ideas, or anything other perennials you have that might need thinning or transplanting. Mike or others from the church can come dig up and get your plants if you need help.

We believe this sale can make \$1500 to \$2000 with your help. Contact Mike Kennedy for more information - 815-528-0127.

FOR SERVICE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is an annual, inter-denominational offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Your gifts to this offering will help strengthen struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells. We will receive offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing throughout the month of April.

GIFT CARDS: Hi, all! I'd just like to make a public service announcement regarding gift card sales. I'm always happy to have you order/buy gift cards but with funds being a little low lately, I'm not keeping a lot of cards in stock. Also, if you've left an order in the gift card box, please let me know so that I can retrieve your order and get it placed. Thanks for your ongoing support of the gift card program! - Penny

UPDATES FROM CHURCH CABINET: The Cabinet met on Monday for our monthly meeting. Our discussions We ended the month of March with about \$35,000 in our operating fund and about \$171,000 in our combined non-endowment assets. We received an average of \$1938 in offering each week in March; our budgeted expenses are about \$3200 weekly.

The Church Cabinet agreed recently that public health conditions allow us to make masks optional for worship. (At the recommendation of our worship staff, we do still ask the choir to mask while singing their anthems.) We encourage you to come however you are most comfortable with regards to masks, and to treat your church neighbor with the same love and respect you always show, whether they're wearing a mask or not. We continue to ask that you stay home if you're feeling sick and that you maintain a healthy distance from other households when you choose your seats for worship.

We will continue to watch public health conditions and to make decisions about our community's standards based on Jesus command to love each other and protect the most vulnerable among us.

EASTER FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED



To the Glory of God: Pastor Hope Molozaïy

In Memory of:

Carol Sligting, in memory of John Sligting

Bill Haase, in memory of Peggy Haase

Dick & Louise Strahs, in memory of Billy and
Kenny Ching

Marti Swanson, in memory of Rick, Gary, Ken and
Mark

Charles & Yvonne Kemp in memory of our mothers:
Lucille Lyght & Thelma Kemp

In Thankfulness: Dick & Louise Strahs in
thankfulness for our many blessings

Bob and Judy Jooss in thankfulness for friends,
family & The Community Church

Phyllis Kazimier in thankfulness to all or church
family that have helped us to continue our church
services.

******Please remember to take your flowers home
with you!**

Wider Mission Fund-Raiser No Bake-Bake Sale

A No Bake—Bake Sale is on the way.

No need to buy. No need to bake

Just send in the amount of money it takes
to buy a dozen cookies a cake or maybe a pie
We know you can help us if you will but try.

We've thought of a plan that's truly grand,
And feel quite sure that you'll understand.

In an envelope please put the price
Of a pie, or cake or something nice.

No fuss or bother, you've done your part,

This is the end of our little tale,

Help make a success of our

NO BAKE-BAKE SALE!

No need to put your diet on hold.

*****NO REAL BAKED GOODS WILL SOLD*****

Fundraiser sponsored by: Wider Missions

Please make checks payable to:

Community Church of Richmond U.C.C.

Please note Wider Mission in the Memo Line

And mail to:

Community Church of Richmond U.C.C.

P.O. Box 246

Richmond, IL 60071

or place your donation in the **"CAKE BOX"**
found in the sanctuary!!

Below are suggested bake sale prices

Chocolate chip cookies: 5 for \$5.00

1 Homemade pie: \$10.00

2 Loaves Banana Bread: \$15.00

24 Cupcakes: \$ 20.00

1 doz. brownies: \$25.00

1 Chocolate triple layer Cake: \$ 30.00

PRAYERS for the Week of April 17, 2022

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope pastorhope@richmonducc.org AND our office manager, Brandi Pletcher (office@richmonducc.org). THANKS!

We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.

JOYS: Birthdays: Sarah Warren (April 20)

PRAYERS FOR:

Dawn Conley's daughter, Kelly DeSalvo

Betty Waspi

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca

Deann Workmon

Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys

A Richmond family in a time of crisis

Elise Livingston's friend, Jim Wright (Patty's husband)

Debbie Franzone

Ongoing Prayers:

Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family

Ella Watts, Melissa Jones's mother

Louise Strahs' niece, Amy Lenik

Prayer Partner

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week is Gail and Jeni Crutcher.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ, St. Paul United Church of Christ in Barrington, IL, and their Pastor: Jana Chwalisz

We also pray for our Mission Partner: Mission Partner is

Heifer International: We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success. For more information visit: www.heifer.org.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:

Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic-tor's peo-ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor-tal tongues and an-gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy-ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for-bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re-ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic-to-ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o-pened par-a-dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7, with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

- 5 How blessed are they who have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
for they eternal life shall win,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
- 6 On this most holy day of days,
our hearts and voices, Christ, we raise
to you in jubilee and praise.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! (*Antiphon*)

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high - tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canon—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

Thine Is the Glory

Edmond L. Budry, 1904
Tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923

JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with Refrain
Georg F. Handel, 1751

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly he
3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, Seat - ters fear and gloom; Let his church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con - querors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering
To thy home a - bove.

Son; End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.