

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 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.

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

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG "This Is the Day"

Verse 1: This is the day, this is the day
 that our God has made, that our God has made;
 we will rejoice, we will rejoice
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 This is the day that our God has made,
 we will rejoice and be glad in it;
 this is the day, this is the day that our God has
 made.

Verse 2: This is the day, this is the day
 Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;
 we will rejoice, we will rejoice
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 This is the day Jesus rose again,
 we will rejoice and be glad in it;
 this is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

St. 1 Paraphr. By Les Garrett 1967 alt. | St. 2-3 traditional: alt, CCLI License No. 1908882

One: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
 So let us sing to the Lord our God,
 who is majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, and working
 wonders!
 Our God is highly exalted and will reign forever and ever!
 Hallelujah!

Let us Pray:

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was
 young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave
 birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

All: Blessed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,
 a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had
 come among us, that you were one of us.
 Hallowed be your name.

All: Blessed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars,
 religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends,
 you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God:
 You shouldered and suffered the cross.
 Hallowed be your name.

All: Blessed be your name.

One: Early in the morning, a voice in the guarded graveyard
 and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen,
 that you had come back to those and for those who had
 forgotten, denied and destroyed you.
 Hallowed be your name.

All: Blessed be your name.

One: This morning, we join with the multi-colored company of your
 Church on earth and in heaven to celebrate your creation,
 your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us; so
 we pray

**All: Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
 new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
 forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have
 wounded;
 and the freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are
 prisoners of ourselves.**

silent prayers

One: To all and to each, on his community and on his friends,
where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon
and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen!

HYMN "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:1-6, 20-22

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

and all their host by the breath of his mouth...

Our soul waits for the Lord;

he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him,

because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you.

The Gospel according to John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE Christ has Risen: Now What?

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day” #241

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.

HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #292

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Give: We are so thankful for the continued financial support that we have continued to receive during this time! You may always send your check directly to the church at PO Box 246, Richmond IL, 60071.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Sending Song “Send me, Jesus” #360
Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me Jesus, send me, Lord.
Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me Jesus, lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me Jesus, fill me, Lord.

Call to Worship from [Chalice Worship](#); Opening prayer, from [A Wee Worship Book, 4th Incarnation](#), by Wild Goose Resource Group. . Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

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 21.

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 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.

ALL CONFERENCE CHATS: Each Wednesday at 3PM, the Illinois Conference of the UCC hosts a Zoom conversation. These chats cover many different topics and are open to anyone. Last week featured discussion about training and tools for responding in times of disaster and crisis. This Wednesday's chat will feature our Conference Minister, The Rev. Molly Carlson, with updates about the Conference in general. These chats are a great way to connect to new people in our church circle. You can access this weekly Zoom meeting with Meeting ID 879 6243 0629 and Passcode 284065.

PRAYERS for the Week of April 24, 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: Kathy Speaker (April 28), Grace Haskins (April 30)

SYMPATHIES: To Mike Karch on the passing of his mother this week.

PRAYERS FOR:

Dawn Conley's daughter, Kelly DeSalvo
Betty Waspi
Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca
Deann Workmon
Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys
Debbie Franzone

Ongoing Prayers:

Marti Swanson's brother, John
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 Jeremy & Dayton Crutcher.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ, Immanuel United Church of Christ in Bartlett, IL, and their Pastor: Rev. Susan Tyrrel

We also pray for our Mission Partner: Mission Partner is Home of the Sparrows: Home of the Sparrow not only provides Transitional Shelter, but also Affordable Housing and Rapid Re-Housing combined with Supportive Services that address the core issues of homelessness. Home of the Sparrow serves single women, pregnant women and women with children. Approximately 93 percent of the women we serve have experienced domestic violence at some point on their journey. visit: www.hosparrow.org.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities: Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.

Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
 2 Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo-rious life, and life im-mor-tal on this ho-ly Eas-ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo-ry from the bright-ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav-ior who came death's bonds to de-stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav-ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con-quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav-en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem-er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath-ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Zion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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*Latin, c. 5th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**Luke 24:36-37*

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
hearts to be your own, That we may give you
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
German carol, 15th century
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided for four different parts (1-4) and a full version. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining four lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1894