

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

Our Church at Worship on The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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

GATHERING MUSIC

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaia

GATHERING SONG “All-Consuming Fire”

Verse 1: **Search me, O God, and know my heart;
know all my thoughts and my ways.
Cleanse me O God, give me a pure heart,
that I may see Your face.**

Chorus: **For You are an all-consuming fire!
For You are an all-consuming fire!**

Verse 2: **Teach me O God, show me Your ways,
and I will walk in Your truth.
Keep me, O God, keep me from falling,
That I may stand before You.**

Chorus:

Tag: **Search me, O God. Search me, O God. Search me, O God.**

© 1997 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)
Words and Music by: Paul Oakley, CCLI License No. 1908882

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER George Zimmermann

One: Every week is a new week,
Another chance to say:

All: "Here I am. Use me."

One: Every day is a new day,
Another chance to say:

All: "Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."

One: Every hour is a new hour,
Another chance to say,

All: "Again and again, make me new."

One: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

All: We come to this place to be changed.

One: So let us worship holy God,
Who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is
creating something new.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Let us pray

**All: O God, we do not pretend to come to you
with more faith than we really have.**

**We do not come to make promises
that are beyond our reach.**

We do not come claiming to be more than we are.

**We come to offer these words, these actions,
and ourselves.**

**We trust that in your hands you hold
our faith, our promises, and our lives.**

**Great is your faithfulness, O God, and greatly to be
praised. Amen.**

HYMN

"Hope of the World"

#46

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 17:1-5

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

The Gospel According to John 18:12-27

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

MESSAGE What Wonderous Love: With Violence on Every Side

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #224

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer 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 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.

Words of Remembering

Now as they were eating together, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper, Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink of it, all of you; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Prayer of Consecration – Place your hands over the bread and cup you have before you as we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come to each table that's been prepared for you today. Bless each bite and each sip that we share in your name today. Bless each of us in our eating and drinking; wherever we are, let our eyes be opened, so that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, in our enemies, and in all for whom Christ lived and died. Amen.

We Share the Elements – Partake of what is before you as you share your table with Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SONG RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me" (#327 NCH)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “Lord, Make Me More Holy”

#75

Lord, make me more holy. Lord, make me more holy.

Lord, make me more holy until we meet again.

Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Call to worship by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org; Opening prayer, [Chalice Worship](#), #193; [Music](#) shared under CCLI License #1908882

CHURCH NEWS

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 18:28-19:42.

ZOOMING IN ON LOVE: Gather for our Lenten chats, Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We meet on Zoom for a little under an hour and we're focusing on LOVE – the hard-working, in-the-flesh, actions-not-words kind of love that Jesus calls us to and God demonstrates for us over and over. We hope everyone can join in for these important conversations. The Zoom meeting can be found at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86297314044?pwd=THM4UjlRZjJIT2o3ejBPOUpsU0JqUT09>. Or you can go to zoom.us and then use Meeting ID 862 9731 4044 and Passcode 469196.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We hope you will join us for Maundy Thursday Soup/Bread Supper on April 14, 2022. Please see the Sign up sheet in the lobby.

EXODUS WORLD SERVICE : It's time for the annual Celebration of Hope with Exodus World Service. This year, we'll again celebrate with them virtually – this Thursday, April 7th, from 7-8PM. To join in, go to www.exodusworldservice.org/hope. Click the “Register Now” box, and then you'll receive the viewing link. Exodus does a wonderful job of telling the story of their mission and the people they connect with in the service of Christ. If you have questions about Exodus or about registering for this event, talk to Pastor Hope or Carol Richardson.

THE FIRST ANNUAL (MAYBE) COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANT

SALE: is coming soon! Mike Kennedy is leading this new fundraising event. We'll need donations of plants to sell! Mike suggests you might want to donate perennials or small shrubs from your yard like hostas, coneflowers, daylilies, phlox, delphinium, ornamental grasses, yews, junipers, burning bush.... Mike or others from the church can help dig up and transport plants from your yard. We plan to hold this sale over several weekends in May. We're also brainstorming what else we can sell or offer at the same time to help draw more traffic, so if you have ideas, talk to Mike Kennedy or Pastor Hope. We're looking forward to this fun new celebration of God's great creation!

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.

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Today we hear John's telling of Jesus going to a garden with his disciples on his last night with them and being arrested there. Each of the gospels tell this story in some way, but each tells it differently. In other gospels, Jesus has a time of anguished, heart-felt prayer in the garden – he asks the disciples to stay awake and pray with him, and he asks God to “remove this cup” if it might be God's will. None of those things happen in John's telling. Instead, in John, the heart-felt praying already happened back in chapter 17, when Jesus prayed for the disciples to “be one.” And Jesus doesn't ask for his “cup” to be removed, but simply says that he is here to drink of the cup. In other gospels, Judas gives Jesus a kiss in the garden to reveal to the guards which person is Jesus. But not in John. Though Judas does lead the Roman soldiers and religious officials to where Jesus is, there is no kiss of betrayal here. Instead, Jesus reveals himself to the soldiers and gives himself up. He is in control of this part of the story in a way that is unique to John's gospel.

COMING WORSHIP EVENTS

Holy Week begins next Sunday with Palm Sunday worship. That Sunday will also feature children's Sunday School time!

Thursday, April 14th Maundy Thursday

We'll gather at 6PM for a simple soup and bread supper in the church basement. At 7PM, we'll remain in the church basement and transition to a time of worship. Everyone is welcome to attend dinner and worship or either part of the evening. A sign-up sheet is available today if you want to contribute to that meal and also to indicate if you plan to attend dinner.

Friday, April 15th Good Friday

We will not hold a Good Friday service. Anyone who is seeking worship that day is encouraged to join with Grace Lutheran Church at 6000 Broadway Rd in Richmond at their 7PM service.

Sunday, April 17th Easter Day

Gather together for the festival celebration of Easter Day at 10:00 worship!



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 3, 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: Ode Kiel (April 5)

PRAYERS FOR:

Louise Strahs

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca

Deann Workmon

Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys

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

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 are Valerie and Adam Connerty.

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 Habitat for

Humanity: At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. When a family helps build or improve a place they can call home, they are also building a better community, a better life for themselves. Your donation will help families in need of a decent place to build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials. Your support can help us do more in all the many ways that Habitat builds. Thanks to you, Habitat is transforming lives around the world. For more Information visit: www.habitat.org.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in

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

Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness, 1954; alt.

1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift of our re - demp - tion,
 3 Hope of the world, who by the cross did save us
 4 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict torn.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 from death and sad de - spair, from sin and guilt,
 who by this sign did con - quer grief and pain,

Save us your peo - ple from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 Still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 We ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
 We would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;

from false pur - suits through which our lives are worn.
 to heal earth's wounds and end its bit - ter strife.
 take back our lives and use them as you will.
 our Sov - ereign who for - ev - er more shall reign!

Author of many books in her field and an internationally recognized teacher, Georgia Harkness was one of the leading women theologians of her generation. This text was written for the Second General Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

Tune: ANCIENT OF DAYS 11.10.11.10
J. Albert Jeffrey, 1886
 Adapt. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

224

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

Gal. 6:14; Phil. 3:7-8

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross,
 2 For - bid it, then, that I should boast,
 3 From sa - cred head, from hands, and feet,
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

on which the Christ of glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down!
 that were a pres - ent far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to Christ's blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Originally titled "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ," this hymn has been acclaimed as one of the finest in the English language. Isaac Watts' hymnody grew out of his dissatisfaction with the restraints of the metrical psalters.

Tune: HAMBURG L.M.
 Lowell Mason, 1825