

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 15, 10:00 A.M.

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

Tune into Facebook at 10:00 on Sunday to share this time of worship. If you can't join promptly at 10:00, the video will be available later as well.

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

SONG OF PRAISE “You Are” Kim May and Penny Kraft

Verse 1:

You are the Wind the dances through the heavens.

You are the Breath in me.

You are the Sun that morning brings to darkness;
the dawn comes silently.

You are the Mystery; but you fill all of me.

You are the One, you are the one who made me;

You are the One, I love.

You are God. You are God. You are God. You are.

Words by: Mike Graham Music By: Cathy Townley arr by Henry Wiens 1993 Wellsprings Unlimited
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CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Mike Kennedy

One: God loved the world and gave Jesus for us.

For that gift above all else, we give God thanks!

All: God loves the world and tells us to love like Christ.

One: God showed us compassion in Jesus

and calls us to share with all who have need.

All: God loves the world and tells us to love like Christ.

One: God made truth come alive in Jesus,

who laid down his life to teach us to love.

All: God loves the world and tells us to love like Christ.

One: Let us pray.

God of love, whom Jesus knew as a caring parent, remind us of your commandments, so that it may become our heart's greatest desire to share your love in truth and action. Grant us the courage to risk life itself that others may see Christ abiding in us and thus come to know your goodness and mercy. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of John 13:1-5 Common English Bible
Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing.

HYMN "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" #7

Verse 1: **All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
Whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

Verse 2: **Know that there is one God, indeed,
Who fashions us without our aid,
Who claims us, gives us all we need,
Whose tender care will never fade.**

Verse 3: **Enter the sacred gates with praise,
With joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
As people whom the spirit calls.**

Verse 4: **Proclaim again that God is good,
Whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

SCRIPTURE READING First John 3:16-24

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

MESSAGE Beloved, Be Obedient

BLESSING OUR BACKPACKS AND OTHER BAGS OF DAILY USE

HYMN "Teach Me O Lord, Your Holy Way" #465
Vs 1,2,4

Verse 1: **Teach me, O Lord, Your holy way,
And give me an obedient mind,
That in your service I may find
My heart's delight from day to day.**

Verse 2: **Help me, O Savior, here to trace
The sacred footsteps you have trod;
And fully trusting in my God,
To grow in goodness, truth, and grace.**

Verse 4: **Bless me in every task I face,
Begun, continued, done for you;
Fulfill your will in all I do,
And grant me your abundant grace.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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.

SONG RESPONSE "Love, Love, Love, Your God"

**Love, love, love your God,
The commandment's word is love:
Love your neighbor as yourself, for God is love.**

Traditional – in the public domain

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.

Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

**For the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, thank you, O God.
May our offerings extend the reach of Christ's Church.
By our giving, may our commitment to your work be deepened. Amen.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song "We are One in the Spirit"

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Tune and lyrics: Peter Scholtes, 1966.

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THANKS to everyone who helped make yesterday's Beef Roast a great day! Thanks especially to Jim and Kathy Speaker who take care of so many of the details of the day (and make all the pickles)!

COMING EVENTS

INDOOR WORSHIP

We plan to regather for worship in the sanctuary next Sunday, August 22.

Here are the guidelines for those gatherings that Church Cabinet has discussed:

1. Seating will be spaced out in the sanctuary so that people only sit with their family or limited others with whom they already have close interactions.
2. Masks will be required inside the church building on Sundays, for all people over 2 years of age, regardless of vaccination status.
3. Our liturgy will remain similar to what it has been for outdoor worship.
4. We'll limit congregational singing to the closing hymn of worship. Kim or limited others will provide other worship music from the choir loft.
5. We'll move outside the building for after-worship conversations and won't have any after-worship snacks.
6. Similar to outdoor worship, bulletins will be available to pick up yourself as you enter worship and offering plates will be available for you to leave your offerings.
7. Our service will continue to be livestreamed so those who aren't ready or able to join us in-person can continue to join us online.

We also depend on each other not to attend worship if you have any potential COVID symptoms or if you have recently been exposed to anyone positive with COVID.

As we've said at other times during this pandemic, some of you may think these guidelines are too restrictive and others might think they're too loose. We are following the guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health, but also the instruction of our faith which tells us to show love for our neighbor, to protect the vulnerable, and to humbly consider others more important than ourselves.

We remember, of course, that these guidelines will change as public health conditions change. We eagerly look forward to the time when we can loosen these guidelines, but as McHenry County and the areas surrounding us are now considered areas of substantial or high virus transmission, these protocols give us a starting place.

GIFT CARDS Penny Kraft regularly orders gift cards on our behalf, and the church gets a percentage of the cost of those cards. There is a HUGE variety of gift cards available, from specialty stores to gas stations and grocery stores. Jewel, Walmart, Meijer, Marathon Gas, SO MANY RESTAURANTS, department stores, etc. Find the full list of retailers at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/shopwithscrip-retailers> . Contact Penny with your order any time by calling/texting her at 815-236- 6172 or emailing her at mriapk@gmail.com.

Prayers for August 15, 2021

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: William Haase (August 17), Dick Strahs (August 18), Nicholas Heber (August 18), Sam Jones (August 20), Pr. Hope (August 20)

CONCERNS

Prayers For:

Our Sympathies to Ode Keil and family on the death of his nephew, Brett Scharringhausen

Betty Waspi

Kathy Speaker's aunt, Elaine Fletcher

Family of Cristo Garza, friend and former student of Rob Rummel

Family of Rob Rummel's friend, Greg Benyak, as he enters hospice care

Ina Obara's father,

All those affected by severe weather of great rain, extreme heat, fires, and floods, in this country and around the world

Deann Workmon

Ongoing Prayers:

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

Julie Leighninger

Marti Swanson's brother, John Baldwin

Ella Watts, Melissa Jones's mother

Louise Strah's niece, Amy Lenik

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:

Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), June Whitney (at home), Bob Krueger

New Address for Bob Kreuger

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