

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 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 GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Carol Berndt, Guest Musician

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Speaker

One: We come to God this day,
the One who names each of us as a beloved child.

**All: Here and now,
may we recognize God dwelling in us.**

One: We come to Christ this day,
the One whose love is the bedrock of our lives.

**All: Here in this place of glory and grace,
may we understand the One who calls us to faith.**

One: We come to the Spirit this day,
the One who would calm our fears with peace and hope.

**All: Here with those who are our sisters and brothers,
may we seize the opportunities to serve.**

One: Let us pray together.
**Gather us or scatter us, O Lord, according to your will.
Build us into one Church:
a Church with open doors and large windows,
a Church which takes the world seriously,
ready to work and to suffer,
and even to bleed for the world you love. Amen.**

HYMN

“At the Font We Start our Journey”

#308

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

WORD FOR ALL AGES

SONG RESPONSE “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime**

Words and music: traditional African-American. Arrangement: Alan Witmore, © 2002 Season of the Spirit

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Questions of Baptism: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ’s presence and furthering Christ’s mission in all the world?

MESSAGE Baptized for a Purpose: To Grow in Faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

– Covenant of the Community Church of Richmond from 1962

**By the call of the Creator,
who binds in covenant
faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races,
we are bound to strive earnestly
for the opening of the minds and hearts of people to truth,
and to seek justice and peace
for the realization of humanity’s full potential.**

**We are bound in covenant to be a congregation
of the church of Jesus Christ,
to seek unity in our diversity,
and ordained to continue the work begun in God's earthly
ministry.**

**We covenant under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
to be bound, one with another,
in worship and service as disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to walk together in God's ways,
known or to be made known to us. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

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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: 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.

HYMN “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” #325

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “Something Beautiful for God”

**Today let us do something beautiful for God.
Do something small but do it with great love.
Do what we can, where we are, with what we've got.
Today let us do something beautiful for God!**

Bryan Sirchio, Crosswind Music.

Call, Thom Shuman (2009), and posted at www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca ; opening prayer, Iona, Wee Worship, p. 40; Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

CHURCH NEWS

FOR SERVICE

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING: [Support the wider church with](#) this annual offering for the United Church of Christ to support new church starts, new ministries in existing congregations, youth and young adult events and ministries across the nation as well as women's events and ministries. Designate “Strengthen the Church” on your giving envelope or check memo line. Learn more at www.ucc.org/stc

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH ministry team will meet next Sunday, immediately following worship. Anyone who's interested is welcome to join us.

GIFT CARD UPDATE: Our gift card sales have seen an uptick this summer – thanks for rising to the challenge! Keep it going this fall – New clothes for the kids? Home improvement projects? Regular gas and groceries? As you purchase any of those things, you can also be...**HELPING THE CHURCH AT NO COST TO YOU:** How can you help the church finances without costing you any money? You can buy gift cards of course! You buy the card, you use the card, and the church gets a percentage of that. Do you go to Jewel or Meijer every week? Do you have a Starbucks account that you can load the card onto the app? Do you order often from Amazon? What about those restaurants right down the road in McHenry? Jewel pays us 4% of every gift card purchased through this fundraiser; Meijer pays 3% and Starbucks pays 4.5%. Most of the McHenry restaurant chains pay us 8%! Home Depot, Ace, and Kohls are 4%. If you are spending the money at these places, why not pay up front, get a gift card, and help out the church. It just takes a little preplanning on your part, but no extra money! See Penny's post below for details on how to order. You can see a list and the % at www.raiseright.com/brands
Thanks for helping with this fundraiser.

GIFT CARD ORDERING: Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! If you give Penny a gift card order on Sunday, your cards are usually here by midweek. Contact Penny at 815-236-6172 or mriapk@gmail.com or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled "GIFT CARDS" in the office hallway. Thanks!

FOR CONNECTION

FALL FELLOWSHIP FUN: Everyone is invited to **Richardson's Adventure Farm on Sunday, September 11**, from 1-6 PM.

Enjoy the campfire and explore the maze with our church family! BYOE (*everything*: lunch, drinks, snacks, camp chairs) or purchase Richardson's delicious delights available on the farm. We will have a couple of picnic tables at our campfire site for seating and eating. Rob and Carol have graciously waived our entrance fee; however, goodwill donations to church are always appreciated. Text or email Dawn Conley (815-236-5982 or conley8405@gmail.com) with how many people you're bringing. (See <https://richardsonadventurefarm.com/> for more details.)

A **Bunco night on Friday, October 7**, is also planned. Never played Bunco? It's a roaring good time and easy to learn. Stay tuned for more details.

Plans are also in the works for a chili cook-off later this fall.

FOOD WITH FRIENDS: Stay tuned – more plans will be coming soon!

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OTHER FALL UPDATES

Sunday School will begin in regular rotation on September 11.

Bibles will be presented to some of our church children on September 18.

The Choir will begin singing later in September. If you are interested in singing with them this fall, talk to Kim May.

Bible study will resume Tuesday, September 20. Pastor Hope would love to see some more life-long learners join us.

Office Manager Update: We are receiving interest from a number of people about our Office Manager job and hope to hold interviews within the next week or so. If you have a friend or neighbor who might be a good fit for this 9-hour/week position at the church, encourage them to reach out to Pastor Hope. In the meantime, thanks to Jan Revelle for helping out the past couple weeks. And remember to pray for the next right person to find their way to us for this job.

WORSHIP LEADERS

TODAY

Liturgist	Kathy Speaker
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs
Sunday School	
Fellowship Hosts	Wider Missions Ministry

September 4

Liturgist	Cheryl Kazimier
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Communion Prep	Cheryl Kazimier

September 11

Liturgist	George Zimmermann
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Gail Crutcher

September 18

Liturgist	Ronnie Obara
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Gail Crutcher

Are you willing to help with any of these jobs? Let Pastor Hope know.

PRAYERS for the Week of August 28, 2022

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

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

JOYS: Birthdays: Carol Richardson (Sept 2)

PRAYERS FOR:

Bill Haase

Those affected by floods and fires

Linda Swenson

Nicki Carter's aunt, Joan Groenwald née Herzog

Ongoing Prayers:

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca

Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiy's

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 Partners:

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Jim and Penny Kraft.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ: Millburn Congregational UCC in Lake Villa and their pastor, The Rev. Miranda Moeller.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing

Facilities: Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

At the Font We Start Our Journey

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Jeffery Rowthorn, 1992

Col. 3:15; Acts 10:36-43



1 At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter
 2 At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter
 3 At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter
 4 At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter



faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,
 tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,
 gift of bread; in our break - ing it to pic - es
 vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed



by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,
 by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.



his text was written for a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, where the author served as bishop suffragan. Born and educated in Britain, Rowthorn has held positions at Union Theological Seminary and Yale University Divinity School, and more recently was appointed bishop in charge of the invocation of American Churches in Europe.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry Purcell, c. 1680

Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

How Firm a Foundation

Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
 Early United States melody
 from Funk's Christian Church Music, 1833

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715