

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

**Our Church at Worship on the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 29, 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 Molozaïy

SONG OF PRAISE “I Shall Not Want” Kim May and Penny Kraft

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want...

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CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

One: Friends of God, you are called to praise and prayer!

All: We hear Christ's command to love each other as he loved us.

One: When we take time to listen and to explain, we reveal that love.

When we support the weary and the outcast, even when it costs us, we reveal that love.

When we share our talents, our energy,
and our will to work for the greater good, we reveal that love.

When we reject the urge to put our comfort first,
and when we confront the powerful who oppress, we reveal that love.

All: We hear Christ's command to love each other as he loved us.

One: Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, to lift us from empty routines to the surprising joy of your love. Loosen our tongues to praise you with delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through hard times. Remind us of the power of our baptism in the name of Jesus and teach us to follow wherever Christ leads. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of John 15:12-17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

HYMN God Loved the World #208 (See Back Page)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

MESSAGE Beloved, Be Victorious

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

– Covenant of the Community Church of Richmond UCC

**By the call of the Creator, who binds in covenant
faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races,
we are bound earnestly to strive
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.

SONG RESPONSE "We are One in the Spirit" Kim May

Verse 3: We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride:

Chorus: And They'll know we are Christians By our Love, by our love;
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 4: All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Chorus

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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 Amazing Grace #547 (See Back page)

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

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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Go now in peace. Please head OUTSIDE to have your after-worship conversations.

You may leave your offerings in the offering plates at the front or back of the sanctuary.

NEW NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Hold the date of Saturday, November 13, for this year's Trivia Night fundraiser! More details will come as we get closer, but for now Dawn Conley invites you to help her get started on our auction baskets for that night. If you plan to put together a theme basket to donate, let Dawn know. If you want to contribute but don't know quite what to do, Dawn suggests you buy a gift card from Penny (which is also a FUNDRAISER!) in ANY denomination for ANY store or restaurant, and tell Penny it's for a Trivia Night donation. Penny will forward that gift card to Dawn, who will put together some type of basket with that card in mind. Thank you for anything you can do! Questions, contact Dawn at 815-236-5982 or conley8405@gmail.com .

WORSHIP LEADERS

As we re-group for indoor worship, Pastor Hope is updating her list of people who are interested in being readers during worship. Let her know if you'd like to be added to that list.

We also will be looking for people to do some things like lighting the candles, ringing the church bells, tidying up after worship. Just because you've never done these jobs before doesn't you mean can't start now!

We might even be looking for people to host (a very simple, outdoor-for-now) fellowship snack after future services, and for Sunday School teachers. Again, just because these 'weren't your thing' in early 2020 doesn't mean they can't become your thing as we enter a new stage.

Stay tuned and let Pastor Hope know of what ideas and interests you have for the church these days!

BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive will be coming September 21, 3:30-7:30

What to Expect at Indoor Worship this Week

Expect to...

1. Wear your mask the whole time you are in the church building.
2. Pick up a bulletin from near the doorways when you come in.
3. Sit only with members of your household or 'pod' (people you regularly interact with outside of church).
3. Respect the social distancing marked in the pews, leaving space between the people around you. This might even mean sitting in a place you're not used to in the sanctuary.
4. Let Kim and Penny do most of the singing. The congregation will sing a song after the sermon and the closing response.
5. Leave your offerings in the offering plates that will be at the front of the sanctuary and also near the bulletins.
6. Go outside after the closing response for fellowship and conversation. Please don't do your mingling inside.
7. Stay home if you have a new cough, fever, or any other new COVID-like symptoms, or if you know you've recently spent time with someone who was COVID-positive.
8. Finally, expect to delight in worshipping our God together in a place that has brought joy and comfort to many people over many years!

We take all these precautions out of love and care for each other, most especially for our church children and others who are still particularly vulnerable at this time. We continue to look forward to the time when these precautions won't be necessary. Until then, let us be caring, be patient, and help protect one another.

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.

Prayers for the week of August 29, 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: Carol Richardson (Sept 2), Libby Valsa (Sept 4)

CONCERNS

Prayers For:

Brandi's Mother In law, Cheryl Pletcher

Pastor Hope's friend, Betsy Tesch

Mercedes Algrim (New Mexico)

Students, teachers, school staff, and all those affected by back to school changes

Deann Workmon

The people of Haiti

The people of Afghatistan

Bob Krueger

Betty Waspi

Kathy Speaker's aunt, Elaine Fletcher

Ina Obara's father

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

PRAYERS and CARDS

Several of our friends and members could use prayers and cards:

Betty Waspi, Room 30

Lake Geneva Golden Years

611 Harmony Dr, Lake Geneva WI 53147

Direct phone number 262-203-9092

Bob Krueger

Ignite Medical Resort

550 Ridgeview Dr, McHenry IL 60050

Mercedes Ahlgrim

186-C Arroyo Hondo Rd

Santa Fe NM 87508

God Loved the World

Heiliges Lippen und Herzens Opfer, Stettin, 1778
 Transl. August Crull, 1845; alt.

1 God loved the world, and lov - ing gave
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith,
 3 If you are sick, if death is near,
 4 Be of good cheer, for God in Christ

a won - drous gift, the lost to save,
 who was made flesh and suf - fered death;
 this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer;
 for - gives the flock, by sin en - ticed,

That all who would in Christ be - lieve
 All who con - fide in Christ a - lone
 Christ Je - sus saves us all from death;
 And jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,

should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 your bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Edward Miller, a skilled flutist in G. F. Handel's orchestra, adapted Rockingham from the tune Tunbridge. Miller named it for the Marquis of Rockingham, a patron and friend, and prime minister of Great Britain.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
 Anon.
 Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

John Newton's autobiographical hymn reflects his conversion from his earlier existence as a slave trader. While serving as curate in the English village of Olney, Newton met William Cowper, and together they published *Olney Hymns*, which included this hymn.

Tune: AMAZING GRACE C.M.
 (NEW BRITAIN)
 Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900