

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

**Our Church at Worship on The First Sunday after Epiphany  
January 16, 2022 10:00 A.M.**

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

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

GATHERING MUSIC Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Hope Molozaizy

GATHERING SONG "The Heart of Worship Cheryl Heber

[Verse 1]

When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart

[Pre-Chorus]

I'll bring You more than a  
song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper  
within  
Through the way things  
appear  
You're looking into my heart

[Chorus]

I'm coming back to the heart  
of worship  
And it's all about You, it's all  
about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing  
I've made it  
When it's all about You, it's all  
about You, Jesus

[Verse 2]

King of endless worth  
No one could express  
How much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor  
All I have is Yours  
Every single breath!

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One: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .  
Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,

**All: But because the earth is the Lord's,  
and everything in it belongs to God.**

One: O come let us worship and raise our voices . . .  
Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

**All: But because even those who walk in darkness  
can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star.**

One: O come let us worship and bow down . . .  
Not because God gives us what we want,

**All: But because God gives us what we need –  
the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

Let us pray:

One: O God, who sees each one of us and loves us before we  
have even begun to fulfil our potential,  
we praise you for who you are and who you enable us to be.  
Forgive us when we deny your image  
in ourselves or in others.

Forgive us and make us more determined  
to look at one another with your eyes,  
to see with love and healing and forgiveness  
as you love and heal and forgive us.

**All: May we each remember our baptism this morning.  
May we know your blessing rests on our lives,  
and may we hear your voice calling us beloved. Amen.**

HYMN

“Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise”

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### WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 66:1-5

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

MESSAGE

A Curious Faith

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SONG RESPONSE “This Little Light of Mine”

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**This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.**

Tune: this Joy irr. | African American Spiritual | Arr. Jeffrey Radford 1993

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

“Jesus calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

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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 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

POSTLUDE

Call, by Leonard Sweet, posted on <https://preachthestory.com/>; Opening prayer, adp from Spill the Beans, Issue 25, p. 58 Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

**Worshipping from home?** Right after worship you're invited to join in a Zoom fellowship chat to say hi to some of your fellow worshippers! Join us at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84182098829?pwd=NkVINUxKdmZDS E8rcGNITjdHaVMrdz09> or use Meeting ID 841 8209 8829 and passcode 535978

## **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 2:1-12

**THE ANNUAL MEETING:** The Cabinet has scheduled the Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 23, 2021. We'll convene the meeting at 11:00 AM following that morning's worship. This meeting will be held over Zoom with the main business items being to approve the 2022 budget and elect the 2022 officers as well as discuss our hoped-for visions for 2022 church life. If you have not been a part of a Zoom gathering recently and want some reminders, please let Pastor Hope know so that one of our church helpers can help you get connected to this meeting. You can connect either through a computer/laptop/smart phone/tablet or if none of those work for you, you can call in from a traditional phone and be a part of the discussions as you would be on a phone call.

Zoom login information will be sent out later this week as well as PDF copies of the annual reports.

**HYMN/SONG REQUESTS:** Please send Pastor Hope your hymn/song requests for the coming weeks.

**BLOOD DRIVE** will be held at the church on Tuesday, February 1, 3:30-7:30PM. Versiti Blood Centers has been observing careful COVID protocols throughout the pandemic and continues to do so. And there is a GREAT need for blood donors. If you can donate, please save this date and contact Carol Richardson or Deann Workmon to schedule your appointment.

**BINGO TIME!** Beat the winter blues with some Bingo with church friends. We'll play on Zoom as we did last winter. Sunday, February 6, starting at 4:00. Prizes will be awarded and laughter is guaranteed! Judy Jooss is our intrepid planner for this event. You'll need: a computer or other device to access Zoom; Bingo cards – either your own or those you print at home or those you've asked Judy to deliver to you; Bingo markers – coins, buttons, M&Ms, Cheerios... When it's time, we'll all log onto the Zoom link. Judy will be our Bingo caller; calls will be displayed on the screen also. We'll mark our cards accordingly. We'll play several games with some breaks in between for chatting. If you print your own Bingo cards, Judy recommends printing them from: <https://letsplaybingo.io/generator> If you don't have a printer and need hard copies of Bingo cards, please let Judy know ASAP, so that she can put them in the mail to you. The Zoom information will be sent out closer to our event. Other questions? Contact Judy – [jdjooss@gmail.com](mailto:jdjooss@gmail.com) or 262-877-9301.

**ABOUT STAR WORDS** Many of you received Star Words this past week. We choose these words at the start of a new year and in the spirit of Epiphany – the story of those wise travelers from the East who followed a star for great distances to find their way to Jesus. Put it somewhere where you'll see it often. Reflect on it. Pray about it. Take a look at the Bible verse that's listed with it. Maybe commit that verse to memory during this year or at least make it a regular part of prayer life. And then keep a watch out for this word at work in your life this year. Maybe it's something you will experience. Maybe it's something you will help bring to others. So keep watch; stay alert; pray often that God's good words, especially this one, will guide you in the months to come. If you didn't receive a word yet and would like one, contact [pastorhope@richmonducc.org](mailto:pastorhope@richmonducc.org) .

**PRAYERS for the WEEK OF January 16, 2022**

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope ([pastorhope@richmonducc.org](mailto:pastorhope@richmonducc.org)) AND our office manager, Brandi Pletcher ([office@richmonducc.org](mailto:office@richmonducc.org)). THANKS!  
*We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.*

**JOYS: Birthday:** Betty Waspi (Jan 21)

**PRAYERS FOR:**

Ode and MaryAnn's daughter, Jenny  
Brandi's friend's Kitty & Rebecca, & relative Ginger  
Marti Swanson's relative, Noel Hubber  
Debbie Franzone  
Deann Workmon  
Sheryl Vezina  
Dawn Conley's daughter, Kelly DeSalvo

**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),  
Bob Krueger, Betty Waspi

## Reducing Shame and Stigma of COVID-19

Studies show one in four Americans associate shame with COVID-19. They may feel judged by others or themselves if they get sick. They may be stigmatized: labelled, stereotyped, discriminated against, treated separately and/or experience loss of status because of a perceived link with the disease.

Stigma and shame can make it even more difficult to control the spread of COVID-19. For example, stigma can:

- Deter people from getting tested
- Drive people to hide symptoms or illness to avoid discrimination.
- Prevent people from seeking health care unless their symptoms get worse.
- Make people hesitant to notify others they may have inadvertently exposed them.

As people of faith, we can take steps to reduce the shame and stigma around COVID-19 by:

- Showing empathy for those affected
- Speaking up against negative stereotypes
- Encouraging and modeling mitigation behaviors, such as mask wearing and social distancing
- Condemning harassment and violence toward people who are following public health guidelines
- Offering simple praise, such as “thank you for sharing information about the close contact,” or “thank you for wearing a mask.”

According to Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health: “It’s important for us to be there for one another and have grace and empathy. If a close contact tells you that you may have inadvertently been exposed, thank them. Let them know you appreciate their honesty, bravery, and desire to watch out for others. Then, follow CDC guidance for quarantine.”

**Sources:** [unicef](#), [John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#), [CDC](#), [World Health Organization](#)



### Related reading:

[Pushing Back Against Covid Shame](#)

[Why you shouldn't keep a COVID-19 case under wraps](#)

## Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise

Fred Pratt Green, 1982

*Unison*

1 Now let us all, in hymns of praise, bear witness with one voice  
 2 What chang-es, chal-leng - es, and tests the church of Christ sur - vives!  
 3 Of all our la - bors, who can say what har - vest there shall be,

to God's re-deem-ing work in Christ, and bid the world re - joice.  
 How rich the rec - ords left to us of ded - i - cat - ed lives!  
 when time, that lim - its and dis-torts, be - comes e - ter - ni - ty?

To - day we call to mind the things that time can - not e - rode:  
 Still must the church pro - claim to all that now, and ev - er - more,  
 Then shall our hymns, re - hearsed be - low, be per - fect praise a - bove,

what God, Cre - a - tor of the world, is do - ing for our good.  
 the house of God is o - pen house, and Christ the O - pen Door.  
 as, face to face, we ful - ly know what this means: God is love!

*This setting of Fred Pratt Green's 1982 text appears in the composer's collection of thirty-five hymns, The Roy Hopp Hymnary (1990). Hopp holds master's degrees in both choral conducting and composition, and has served as a director of music in Michigan.*

Tune: OPEN DOOR C.M.D.  
 Roy Hopp, 1990  
 Alternate tune: ELLACOMBE

# Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

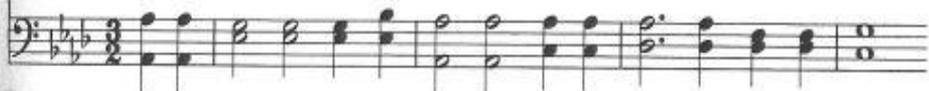
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



- 1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea;
- 2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
- 3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,
- 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
- 5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.



*Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.*

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.

William H. Jude, 1887

Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW