

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

**Our Church at Worship on The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022 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.
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 Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG "The Same Love" Kim May

You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside and give us life

The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name

The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name

You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words "You are mine"
You call the cynic and the proud
Come to me now

The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name

Song: The Same Love
Writer(s): Paul Baloche, Michael Rossback
Artist: [Paul Baloche](#)
Album: [The Same Love](#)

Leader: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.
God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.
God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

People: We come and give thanks!

Leader: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.
God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.
God touches our hearts through family and friends.

People: We lift our voices in praise!

Leader: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.
God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.
God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

People: We come to worship!

Leader: Let us pray:
God of celebration, we gather in your presence to offer our best to you – not our sense of duty, but our whole selves. We celebrate as we remember all you've done for us and all you continue to do. Your generosity makes our lives overflow. Forgive us, O God, when we forget who gives us all we have. Forgive us when we ignore the needs of others and refuse to share what we have. Let the stories of Jesus' great grace and giving remind us of your never-ending kindness, and help us follow in his footsteps. Amen.

HYMN

“We Worship You, God”

#26 vs 1,3,4

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 36:7-9

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Covenant of the Community Church of Richmond - inspired by the 1962 Covenant of the Community Church of Richmond

**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.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SONG RESPONSE “This Little Light of Mine” #524

**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

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

#459

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 to Worship, adapted from prayer at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/>
Opening prayer, Adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 25, p. 65.
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CHURCH NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is **TODAY**, shortly following worship. The Zoom meeting will open at 11:00 and the meeting will be called to order at 11:15. All members and friends of the church are encouraged to attend. We expect this meeting to take about half an hour. The meeting ID is 840 0852 0079 and the passcode is 848195.

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 3:1-21

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 or 262-877-9301.

PRAYERS for the WEEK OF January 23, 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: Birthday: Matthew Kazimier (Jan 25), Bob Krueger (Jan 25), Debbie Frazone (Jan 28)

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

***New Address for Mercedes Ahlgrim

Mercedes Ahlgrim
Sombrillo Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility
1001 Sombrillo Ct
Los Alamos NM 87554

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - jour-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813