

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

**Our Church at Worship and Annual Meeting  
on the Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 21, 2024 10:00 A.M.**

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

**Worship & Annual Meeting Agenda**

Welcome Rev. Hope Moloza iy

Opening Prayer

Song: “God of Change and Glory”

Word for All Ages

Song: “This Little Light of Mine”

Time of Confession

Call the Meeting to Order Elise Livingston

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Members and Ministries

The Lord’s Prayer

Words from the President

Nominations

Election of Officers and Leaders

Song: “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” v. 1 & 2

Scripture Reading:

The Gospel According to Mark 2:1-22

Pastor's Report

Affirmation of Faith

Song: "Called as Partner's in Christ's Service" v. 3 & 4

The Offering

The Finance Report: Review and Approve 2024 Budget

Looking Forward: Updates and New Business

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Final Blessing

Song: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

Music shared under CCLI #1908882.

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

**TODAY**

**January 28**

**Liturgist**

George Zimmermann

**Video Director**

ANNUAL

**Greeter/Usher**

MEETING

**Fellowship Hosts**

Penny Kraft

**Sunday School**

Mike Kennedy

**AT CHURCH THIS WEEK**

- Choir practice Wednesday at 7pm
- Next Sunday, 11:15am, Worship & Spiritual Growth Mtg.

## CHURCH NEWS

### FOR SERVICE

#### **2024 REFUGEE WELCOME PACK**

*Please sign up!*

Exodus World Service has had an overwhelming number of new immigrants arriving in Chicago this year. The refugees coming to Chicago has more than tripled in recent months and Exodus is asking for a little extra help settling new families with extra Welcome to America Packs.

We will collect our first pack in January and welcome a family in February. We will be collecting our Welcome to America Pack from Sunday, January 7 through Sunday, January 21, 2024.

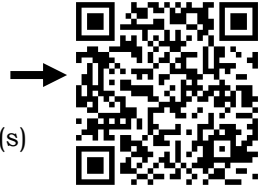
When refugees arrive in the U.S., they only have what they can carry. While refugees receive three months of help through a resettlement agency, starting over from scratch is daunting, both financially and emotionally. Through these Pack Programs, volunteers can make a huge difference by providing essential supplies, food, and most especially, a warm welcome.

Help us turn an empty apartment into a home by collecting and delivering basic household items for the kitchen, bath, and bedroom, as well as personal grooming needs. Our Wider Mission will purchase the first month's supply of food staples.

We hope to deliver our Welcome Pack to a family in February.

Find our sign-up sheet at this link or by scanning the QR code.

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp:  
<https://signup.com/go/jhLphqR>
- 2) Or Scan this code with your smartphone camera now:
- 3) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 4) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.



**Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email**

**address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.**

## **PRAYERS for the WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024**

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

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

**Note:** If your birthday has not been listed, please email Kathy with your birthday and/or anniversary information. We don't want to miss anyone!

**JOYS:** Birthdays: Betty Waspi (1/21); Matthew Kazimier (1/25).  
Thankful for Carol Richardson's successful surgery.  
Thankful for Nicki Carter's good test results

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Betty Waspi's relatives, the Stanfel family  
Pastor Hope's friend, Ann  
Jonathan Kaman's barber, Greg, and family  
Carol Richardson  
Theresa Kaman's uncle, David  
Charles Kemp  
Cheryl Heber's friend, Chris

### **Ongoing Prayers:**

Marti Swanson's brother, John Baldwin  
Louise Strah's niece, Amy Lenik  
Rob Richardson's brother, Dale  
Melissa Jones  
Pastor Hope

**Our Congregational Prayer Partner** this week is Betty Waspi.

**In the Wider Church:** We pray for our neighbors in Christ at First Congregational U.C.C. in Glen Ellyn and their Senior Minister, the Rev. Seth Ethan Carey, and their Associate Minister, the Rev. Kyle Roggenbuck.

**Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:** Betty Waspi

## God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing, end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

*Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern hymns to utilize diatonicism as a gift from God.*

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.  
 Al Carmines, 1973

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

C F G

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

F C G7 C

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

For another key, see 43, 368