

**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond  
United Church of Christ  
Our Church at Worship on the Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 24, 2021 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**

GATHERING SONG            “Hallelujah (Your Love Makes Me Sing)”

Verse 1:            **Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging;  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me;  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me.**

Chorus:            **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing.**

Verse 2:            **Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising;  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me.  
Ev'ry time I see You, all Your goodness shines through.  
I can feel this God song rising up in me.**

Chorus 2X

Tag:                **Your love makes me sing  
Your love makes me sing**

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

One: Wake up, people of God, to join in God's love and work!  
The birds in the sky praise God; let us join them!  
Lift your voice, wherever you are,  
with a shout of praise for the gift of this new day!

Let us pray:  
God of abundance and opportunity,

you challenge our understandings and lead us to new discoveries.  
Like fishermen after a long, difficult night, we come to worship  
after a week that's left some of us exhausted and others filled with eager,  
some of us uncertain and others overjoyed.  
But all of us come ready to hear your Word today.

**All: Called to you, we follow in faith.**

One: As the world rocks below our feet,  
as what seemed certain is revealed as temporary and partial,  
may we grasp the net with you to capture what is lasting:  
your Kingdom Way of grace and love.

**All: Called to you, we follow in faith.**

One: We confess that we are too often distracted by the world's desires and demands.  
We confess we too easily forget our neighbors and find idols to ease our discontent.

**All: Called to you, we follow in faith.**

One: Forgive us abundantly,  
for only by your grace can we release our grasp on what holds us back.  
Like Simon and Andrew, let us step forward to follow your call and not look back.  
In the name of Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

#89

Verse 1:      **Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;  
the fields are wet with diamond dew; the worlds awake to cry  
their praises to the fount of life; Christ Jesus passes by.**

Verse 2:      **Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!  
So let the love of Jesus come and set your soul ablaze.**

Verse 5:      **To give and give and give again, as God's own grace is free;  
to spend yourself nor count the cost; to serve most gloriously  
the God who gave all worlds that are and all that are to be.**

#89, The New Century Hymnal; Lyrics, Geogrey Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; Tune: Kentucky Harmony 1816, Harm. C. Winfred Douglas 1940

WORD FOR ALL AGES – At the annual meeting of the church, we think about the work we do for God. What work have you done for God this year? Who have seen doing God's work in a way that's made a difference in your life?

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Same Love”

Kim May & Penny Kraft

Paul Baloche, Michael Rossback; Music copyright, CCLI 1779535

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

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Psalm 90:14-17

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.  
Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

### The Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11 (Common English Bible)

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

MESSAGE      Upset Expectations: Following the Carpenter out Fishing

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.**

HYMN      "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"      #172

Verse 1:

**Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying "Christians follow me."**

Verse 2:

**As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

Verse 3:

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**

Verse 4:

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**

Verse 5:

**Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

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.**

SONG RESPONSE "Doxology"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God, above, you heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING Invitation to Give – We are so thankful for the continued financial support that we have continued to receive during this time! Though we rarely see each other in person these days, our church is still: providing worship; providing Sunday school for our church kids; connecting members with each other; supporting neighbors in need, locally and further away. We believe those things are parts of God's calling for us in this place and we can do them because of steady financial support.

You may always send your check directly to the church at PO Box 246, Richmond IL, 60071.

Prayer of Dedication – You might pray as you write your check and address your envelope to the church... **You are our inspiration, O Lord. use us and our offerings and our church community to serve the kingdom you inaugurate. Make us good and faithful in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song "Amen"

**Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.**

POSTLUDE

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## **MAIN 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 847 9136 8328 and the passcode is 382264.

## **NEW NEWS**

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The church leaders would like to offer households an opportunity to attend church in-person! We will remain cautious and follow all CDC and State of Illinois guidelines. These include wearing a mask while attending, maintaining social distancing, and sitting with members of your household in the assigned pew(s). We also ask everyone to bring a copy of the bulletin or access it from their phone. We will have one household per week attend starting February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to sign up or having any questions, please email Kelli at [kellibrossart@gmail.com](mailto:kellibrossart@gmail.com). Those interested will be added to the schedule on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive an email reminder mid-week of the Sunday you are schedule to attend. The email will also include the attendance guidelines as a refresher!

We know this is not a replacement for “regular” church, but we hope this provides a chance to reconnect with our beautiful place of worship. We are heading into final stretches of this remote worship journey, and all of us look forward to the day we can fully return!

**BINGO!** Want to have some fun with church friends? Bingo Fellowship, **next Sunday afternoon**, Jan 31, at 4:00. 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 (will be shared next week). 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, and we’ll have some small prizes available for the great Bingo-ers among us.

If you print your own Bingo cards, Judy recommends printing them

from: <https://letsplaybingo.io/generator>

Other questions? Contact Judy – [jdjooss@gmail.com](mailto:jdjooss@gmail.com) or 262-877-9301.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Tuesday, February 2, 3:30-7:30 PM, at the church building. Contact Deann Workmon (678-0011) or Carol Richardson (675-2011) to schedule your appointment. COVID protocols remain in effect for safe blood donations at this time of great need.

**FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSION** Pastor Hope has been reading Love is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times, by Bishop Michael Curry (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church) and if you need to find some hope in troubling times, she'd like you to join this discussion! The book is widely available for order or purchase (for about \$17-\$20), and is available as a digital read and an audio book as well. It is easy to read and uplifting. If you'd like Pastor Hope to purchase a copy for you, let her know this week.

We'll discuss on **Zoom at 4:00 on Saturday, Feb 6**. If there is interest and conditions permit, a small group of us could also meet in-person to discuss during the first week of Feb. Contact Pastor Hope if you're interested.

### **ONGOING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** resumes Tuesday at 2PM open to everyone to read and discuss the Bible passage for the coming Sunday. Tell Pastor Hope if you want the Zoom link.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BUT ON A SATURDAY** continues at 10:30 on Saturday mornings. Contact Pastor Hope or the church office for the Zoom information.

## **Our Part in the Story: Devotions on Sunday's Text**

### **Daily Readings**

### **Fish for People**

### **Luke 5:1-11**

These readings span the story between this Sunday's text and next Sunday's. Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

### **Monday: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

### **John 21:1-14**

❖ This is an account of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. How is it similar to and different from Sunday's text?

### **Tuesday: Followers of Jesus**

### **Mark 8:31-38**

❖ What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

### **Wednesday: Jesus Cleanses a Leper**

### **Luke 5:12-16**

❖ Why do you think Jesus chose to heal the man?

### **Thursday: Jesus Heals a Paralytic**

### **Luke 5:17-26**

❖ Why do you think the man's friends were so persistent in getting him to Jesus? Do you have friends who would go to such lengths for you?

### **Friday: Jesus Calls Levi**

### **Luke 5:27-32**

❖ Who would Jesus have dinner with today?

### **Saturday: The Question About Fasting**

### **Luke 5:33-39**

❖ What does this parable mean to you?

## **PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 24, 2021**

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: Birthdays:** Bob Krueger (Jan 25), Matthew Kazimier (Jan 25), Katy Cartier (Jan 28), Debbie Franzone (Jan 28), Adam Connerty (Jan 31)

### **CONCERNS**

For our nation and our elected leaders  
Those living with homelessness around us  
Sheryl Vezina's uncle, Lynn  
Those struggling with loneliness and sadness

### **Ongoing Prayers:**

School teachers, staff, and administrators; school children and their parents, including college students  
Those whose household relationships are strained  
Those whose employment has been lost or put in jeopardy due to the pandemic  
Healthcare workers, especially Cheryl Kazimier's niece and Rob Rummel's daughter-in-law  
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)