

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

**Our Church at Worship on the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 11, 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 MUSIC

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

SONG OF PRAISE “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Kim May and Penny Kraft

Words & music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman; 2011 Shout! Publishing.

Chorus:

Bless the Lord oh my soul,
Oh my soul,
Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before,
Oh my soul, I'll worship
Your Holy name

Verse:

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song
again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Chorus

Verse:

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Chorus

Verse:

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore.

Chorus

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Cheryl Heber

One: From the rising of the sun until its setting in the west,

All: God's holy name be praised.

One: On the lips of children and by babies at the breast,

All: God's holy name be praised.

One: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

All: God's holy name be praised.

One: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

All: God's holy name be praised.

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Let us pray.

Holy One, we gather this day, and we come as we are.

We are seeking to be your people, and seeking to serve others in ways that honor you.

Accept all that we bring before you today.

Accept our worship, we pray. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

WORD FOR ALL AGES – What do you remember about the story of Martha and Mary? Which sister gets it ‘right’? Which sister do you relate to?

SONG “Come to Me” Words and Music by: Christopher Grundy

Verse 1: **All who are weary, all who are burdened down
Come to me, come to me, come to me
And I will give you rest**

Repeat verse 1

Verse 2: **My yoke is easy, my burden feels so light
Come to me, come to me, come to me
And I will give you rest**

Repeat verse 2

Repeat verse 1, one time

Closing tag: **Come to me, come to me, come to me.
And I will give you rest**

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42 - NRSV

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

MESSAGE

Plenty of Good to Choose From

The Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42 – alternate translation

As they were on their way, Jesus came to a village where a woman named Martha received him. She had a sister called Mary, who also was one who sat at the Lord's feet, always listening to his words. But Martha was constantly torn apart concerning much ministry. She suddenly approached him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister regularly leaves me to minister alone? Tell her therefore that she may give me a hand." But the Lord answered her, saying, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and agitated concerning much, but only one thing is needed. For Mary has chosen good and it will not be taken away from her."

HYMN

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

#539

Verse 1 & 6: **Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

Verse 2: **We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load.**

Verse 3: **I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

Verse 4: **I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

Verse 5: **When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

Repeat Verse 1

#539, The New Century Hymnal; Tune and lyrics, Richard Gillard 1977

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (we pray together)

**Merciful God, we know that you love us
and that you call us to fullness of life,
but around us and within us we see
the brokenness of the world and of our ways.
Our successes leave us empty;
our progress does not satisfy.
Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our
longing.
Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our
insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure
to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus
Christ, our Redeemer, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer and 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.

Words of Remembering

Now as they were eating together, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper, Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink of it, all of you; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Prayer of Consecration – Place your hands over the bread and cup you have before you as we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come to each table that's been prepared for you today. Bless each bite and each sip that we share in your name today. Bless each of us in our eating and drinking; wherever we are, let our eyes be opened, so that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, in our enemies, and in all for whom Christ lived and died. Amen.

We Share the Elements – Partake of what is before you as you share your table with Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Eternal God, you have called your people
from east and west and north and south
to share at Christ's feast.**

**Thank you for Christ's presence in the bread and the
cup and in each of us.**

By your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.

Go with us to the streets and the screens,

to our places of labor and leisure,

so that whether we are gathered or scattered,

**we may be the servant church of the servant Christ,
in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

SONG RESPONSE “Doxology”

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

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. If you are at church for worship, you may leave your offerings in the plastic the buckets near where you picked up your bulletin.

*Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

For the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, thank you, O God. May our offerings extend the reach of Christ’s Church. By our giving, may our commitment to your work be deepened. Amen.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “When the Lord’s in You”

**When the Lord's in you, and the Lord's in me,
there's a bridge between our spirits,
wherever we may be.
'Til we meet again,
let us hold the Mystery of the Lord in you and me.**

(Bryan Sirchio, Used with permission. Crosswinds Music, Madison WI)

*POSTLUDE

Call to worship from A Wee Worship Book, 4th Incarnation, 1999, Wild Goose Resource Group; Opening prayer from Spill the Beans, Issue 22; Alternate translation of gospel text from The New Perspective on Mary and Martha by Mary Stromer Hanson, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2013, p. 31-32. Music copyright, CCLI 1908882.

NEW NEWS

WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK

We are again collecting a Welcome Pack for a refugee family arriving soon. There are many families coming this year and not enough organizations willing to take on a family...we would like to do our part to welcome the stranger in Christ's name!

The Wider Mission Ministry is asking you to sign up for your items online, purchase them, and bring them to church on or before July 25th. Our Ministry will go through everything on July 27th, so all items must be gathered by then. The link to the sign-up sheet is <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/7570197831472220114>

This year Exodus is asking that all items be new. If you have some 'like new' items that you would like to donate, please call Carol (815-675-2011), and we'll make a decision at that time.

Please do your best to complete this Welcome Pack and put a smile on the faces of our refugee family. They are only allowed one suitcase per person, so they are in need of everything on the list. If you have any questions, give Carol a call. Many thanks for your kind donation!
- The Wider Mission Ministry

CHURCH CABINET meets tomorrow night, 7:00PM on Zoom.

COMING EVENTS

BEEF ROAST is coming soon – August 14!

We expect to heavily feature drive-thru service like we did last year. We hope to also offer some outdoor seating. Meanwhile, THANKS for all your donations of pickle jars. We have enough for this year!

INDOOR WORSHIP

The Church Cabinet has set August 22 as our expected date to return to indoor worship together! We'll be pulling everything together to continue sharing worship online while making our space open to all again.

In the meantime, we will continue with outdoor/online worship weekly. We do ask anyone who is unvaccinated or particularly vulnerable to continue to wear your mask as you mingle before and after worship. Thank you!

GIFT CARDS

Penny Kraft regularly orders gift cards on our behalf, and the church gets a percentage of the cost of those cards. There is a HUGE variety of gift cards available, from specialty stores to gas stations and grocery stores. Jewel, Walmart, Meijer, Marathon Gas, SO MANY RESTAURANTS, department stores, etc. Find the full list of retailers at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/shopwithscrip-retailers>. Contact Penny with your order any time by calling/texting her at 815-236-6172 or emailing her at mriapk@gmail.com.

Prayers for July 11, 2021

Please send prayer requests to BOTH Pastor Hope AND office manager, Brandi Pletcher (pastorhope@richmonducc.org and office@richmonducc.org). *We leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.*

JOYS

Birthdays: Louise Strahs (7/10), Michelle (Speaker) Currier (7/12), Carol Sligting (7/12), Lee Swenson (7/15)
We give thanks for vacations.

CONCERNS

Prayers For:

The community of Surfside, FL, after the building collapse there
All those affected by Hurricane Elsa
Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family
Bob Krueger
Deann Workmon
Family members struggling with health concerns

Ongoing Prayers:

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)