

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

**Our Church at Worship on World Refugee Sunday**

**June 12, 2022**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

Welcome, visitors! Our greeters have welcome bags to share with you, so please make sure they know you're visiting.

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 welcome Jason Mohn, Director of Church Engagement at Exodus World Service, to share a gospel message with us this morning as we recognize World Refugee Sunday.

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG "Come, Holy Spirit, Come"

**Come Holy Spirit come, come Holy Spirit come.**

**Come as the fire and burn, come as the light and reveal,  
come as the wind and cleanse**

**Convict us..., show us Your way;**

**Convert us..., day after day.**

**Consecrate us, until we're wholly Thine. (repeat 1X)**

**In Christ's precious name we pray.**

Words and Music by Bryan Sirchio

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Cheryl Kazimier

One: Come, people of God!

Come from the east and the west, the north and the south,  
and worship the God of our ancestors, the God of every  
nation, the God of Jesus Christ.

The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Let us pray:

God of desert and oasis, of rich and poor, of saint and sinner,  
we lift our prayer to you.

**All: We come to worship, but not to block out the world, or  
its cries and groaning.**

**Instead, we come to bring together our world and our  
worship.**

One: We come because this world - broken and mended, struggling  
and strong - is the world you love in all its wild diversity.

**All: This is the same world you came to in Jesus.**

One: Because Jesus stepped into the muck and mire of human  
messiness, we know we aren't made to run from the realities  
of the front page and evening news;  
we're made to be empowered by your Fiery Spirit to immerse  
ourselves, once again, into your wounded world.

**All: Come, God of water and fire,  
cleanse us, ignite us, to be your people of peace.  
Amen.**

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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**WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 18:1-8

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the  
entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men  
standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to  
meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor  
with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and  
wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little  
bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—  
since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have  
said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready  
quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham

ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

The Acts of the Apostles 8:26-31

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

MESSAGE

"Making Room for the Other"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

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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.**

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.

HYMN

"This is My Song"

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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)

Resources at <https://silo.tips/download/refugee-sunday-service-planning-materials>. Opening prayer, [www.actforpeace.org.au](http://www.actforpeace.org.au). Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **FOR LEARNING**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Stay tuned for summer update.

### **FOR SERVICE**

**CABINET:** Cabinet meets Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, IN-PERSON in the fellowship hall at 7PM.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Blood Drive was a success! Thanks so much to DeAnn and Dick for making it happen! Our quota was 22, and we had 22 people donate successfully, and 5 of those were double reds...that will bring up our donation to 27.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** As we're trying to get back to more of our regular offerings around church, we ask for your help in supporting Summer Sunday School. Our focus over the summer is simply on the chance for the children and some grown-ups they might not normally spend time with to have a little fun in the name of Jesus.

Jean and Pastor Hope have lots of fun and easy suggestions if you need them.

**GIFT CARDS:** Our Gift Card Fundraiser continues constantly. Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! You get the full amount of the gift card AND the church gets a percentage for each card you buy. Penny reminds us that she's not keeping very many cards in stock right now, but the turn-around is very quick on them; they're usually here within 3-4 days of you ordering them. You can contact her at 815-236-6172 or [mriapk@gmail.com](mailto:mriapk@gmail.com) or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled "GIFT CARDS" in the office hallway. Thanks for your support!

**COFFEE HOUR HOST: Did you know?** If you run out of supplies upstairs, please feel free to go downstairs to the elevator room. There are shelves on the left side of the room. On the shelves to the far right are the replacements. Please do not purchase any items without checking the supplies! If you notice a shortage of anything downstairs, please either write a note and place it in the Kitchen mailbox or contact Kathy Speaker. 815-382-4340 or [kspeaker@charter.net](mailto:kspeaker@charter.net) The money in the jar can be put in an envelope and placed in the Kitchen mailbox in the hall. There are blank envelopes in the box. We like for the money collected in the jar to pay for any supplies rather than take it out of the general fund. Thanks to all who contribute to the "jar"!

### **FOR CONNECTION**

**SUMMER FAMILY FUN** – The Youth Education team has a planned a few fun outings for the summer months. Our first event will be a Nature Walk at Glacial Park on Sunday, June 19, after worship. The Youth Education team will provide a simple lunch (Probably from Subway.) downstairs after worship, and then we'll head over to Glacial Park for our walk. This event is open to everyone in the church. Please sign up by **today, June 12**, if you plan to join us – there's a sign-up sheet at the front of the sanctuary or contact Jean Valsa at 309-212-0902.

More summer fun is planned for July 9 and August 7 – stay tuned for details!

**COVID UPDATES:** Masks are currently optional at worship and church gathering. We continue to ask that you stay home if you're feeling sick and that you maintain a healthy distance from other households when you choose your seats for worship. We will watch public health conditions and to make decisions about our community's standards based on Jesus command to love each other and protect the most vulnerable among us. Cases have been slowly but steadily rising in our area in the past month. Our "community spread" is rated as high by CDC guidelines. Pastor Hope watches COVID statistics at [https://covidactnow.org/us/illinois-il/county/mc\\_henry\\_county](https://covidactnow.org/us/illinois-il/county/mc_henry_county)

### **FACTS ABOUT REFUGEES**

1. A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave his/her homeland and is unable to return because she or he has experienced persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution can be related to race, nationality, religion, political opinions, or membership in a particular social group.
  2. There are over 26 million refugees around the world, with 68 percent from just four countries: Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Myanmar.
  3. About half of the world's refugees are children.
  4. Most refugees wait an average of 17 years in a refugee camp or in urban areas outside a camp before returning to their country or resettling in a new country.
  5. Each year less than one percent of the world's refugees are resettled to a new country.
  6. Refugees are the most thoroughly vetted individuals entering the United States, with vetting taking a minimum of several years and most often many more years.
- Interested in learning more? Contact us at [info@exodusworldservice.org](mailto:info@exodusworldservice.org).

Since 2008, our church has provided Welcome to America packs for over 20 refugee families from around the world who have settled in the Chicago area. We'll be gathering those household items again this summer, so stay tuned for how you can help.

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

### **Today**

Liturgist

Cheryl Kazimier

Video Director

Greeter/Usher

Sunday School

Jean Valsa

Fellowship Hosts

Charles & Yvonne Kemp

### **June 19**

Liturgist

Mike Anderson

Video Director

Greeter/Usher

Sunday School

### **June 26**

Liturgist

George Zimmermann

Video Director

Greeter/Usher

Sunday School

### **July 3**

Liturgist

Video Director

Greeter/Usher

Sunday School

Are you willing to help with any of these jobs this summer? Let Pastor Hope know.

## **PRAYERS for the Week of June 12, 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:** Birthdays: Penny Kraft (June 13), Alaina Valsa (June 18)

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca  
Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys

### **Ongoing Prayers:**

Marti Swanson's brother, John  
Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family  
Ella Watts, Melissa Jones's mother  
Louise Strahs' niece, Amy Lenik

### **Prayer Partners:**

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Dave & Cheryl Heber, Evelyn, and Nicholas.

**In the Wider Church:** We pray for our neighbors in Christ St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Downers Grove, and their pastor, Rev. Kirk Moore.

**Our Mission Partner is The Time Is Now to Help:** The Time Is Now's continuing goal is to make sure every cent donated is utilized to provide goods and services, such as food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, automobile assistance, and shelter assistance to help the extremely poverty-stricken children, senior citizens, disabled, and families live more comfortably, improve their quality of life, and remove their pain and suffering. For More Information visit: <https://timeisnowtohelp.org>

**Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:** Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

Rev. 4:8-11; Isa. 6:1-8

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,  
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,  
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

## This Is My Song

Ps. 82:8

Lloyd Stone, 1934

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

*These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.*

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10.  
Jean Sibelius, 1899  
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

## The Church's One Foundation

*Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11**Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.*

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,  
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

*Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864