

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

**Our Church at Worship on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 19, 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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Can you remember the Ten Commandments? See how many you can think of before Pastor Hope asks in the sermon.

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozai

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG "Come to Me"

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 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)*

Repeat first verse

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

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CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Cheryl Kazimier

One: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

One: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

All: And I will give you rest."

One: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors.

All: Let us worship God this day!

One: Worker God, whose hands built the earth,
molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky,
we gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving
for your mighty deeds.

Meet us here.

Strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you
in the building of a world filled with justice and peace. Amen.

HYMN “This is My Father’s World” RED Hymnal, #33

TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer (we say together)

**All: Gracious God, we want to be faithful people, but it is hard
sometimes.**

Doubts and disagreements are much easier.

Forgive us our anxieties and short tempers.

Heal our pains and injustices.

**Remind us that we are the legacy of a long line of faithful
people.**

Give us hope through your great love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Faith is the assurance of things hope for, the conviction of
things not seen. God knows our hopes and our faith. By grace, God
forgives us. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

WORD FOR ALL AGES

SONG RESPONSE “Jesus Love Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I
will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am
gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my
yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

“Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

MESSAGE

Try Stopping: Sabbath as Resistance

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

“Breathe”

Verse 1: **This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me**

Verse 2: **This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me**

Chorus: **And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You**

Repeat

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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.

HYMN

“What a Covenant”

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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.

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)

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CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY: Stay tuned for summer update.

FOR SERVICE

CABINET UPDATES: The Church Cabinet met in-person last Monday. It was good to be together and catch up on some thoughts and ideas.

- Cabinet will not meet in July. Beef Roast planners will meet as needed and as coordinated by Jim and Kathy Speaker. Cabinet's next meeting will be Monday, August 8. Remember, the Beef Roast will be Saturday, August 13!
- We are very grateful to Mike Kennedy for dreaming up and then leading us through a great spring plant sale. We brought in over \$1100. This event will probably happen again next spring with some small modifications. If you have an idea that you're excited about and can help coordinate, whether for fundraising or fun, don't hesitate to share it.

- We continue to be in the red with each month's finances. Are you update with your pledge? Have you bought any gift cards through Penny lately? Have you invited friends to a fundraiser or to worship lately? Are your finances such that you can make an extra gift to the church? All of those are ways to help our church financial health.

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 or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled "GIFT CARDS" in the office hallway. Thanks for your support!

FOR CONNECTION

SUMMER FAMILY FUN – sponsored by the Youth Education Ministry: Today, right after worship, join us downstairs for lunch from Subway. After we've all enjoyed lunch, we'll head over to Glacier Park for an easy-going hiking time. Anyone and everyone is invited, whether you just want to join us for lunch or also for the hike! More summer fun is planned for July 9 and August 7 – stay tuned for details!

SABBATH AS RESISTANCE: Our first sermon series of the summer is four weeks on the theme of Sabbath, especially, Sabbath as Resistance. Pastor Hope drew this idea from a book by the same name by Biblical scholar and UCC thinker, The Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann ([Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.) We'll explore the gift of the Sabbath as it gives us power to resist worshipping other gods, to

resist anxiety, to resist multitasking, and to resist coveting our neighbor's life. I hope you can join us for these weeks of worship.

CHECK YOUR SPAM: Pastor Hope sends a weekly email to us all with the weekly bulletin and other important reminders. It seems that a number of folks haven't been receiving those messages lately. Please take a moment to check your "spam" or "junk mail" folders in your email account to look for those messages. If you find them there, please move them to the Inbox or mark as "not spam," so that you don't miss important news. If your best email address has changed recently, don't forget to let the church know.

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

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY:

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.
Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.
Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.
Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.
And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD. More Father's Day prayers and blessings at <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/fathers-day-prayers>

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Liturgist
Video Director
Greeter/Usher
Sunday School

Cheryl Kazimier

June 26

Liturgist
Video Director
Greeter/Usher
Sunday School

George Zimmermann

July 3

Liturgist
Video Director
Greeter/Usher

July 10

Liturgist
Video Director
Greeter/Usher
Sunday School
Fellowship Host

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

PRAYERS for the Week of June 19, 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: Birthdays: Jean Valsa (June 21), George Zimmermann (June 26)

PRAYERS FOR:

Matthew Kazimier
Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca

Ongoing Prayers:

Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys
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 Partner this week is Barbara Howe.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Elburn Il, And their pastor Rev. Jim Fisher.

Our Mission Partner is Veterans Path to Hope: VPH's programs are staffed by veterans and veteran-friendly individuals who have knowledge of the challenges that face veterans and demonstrate an individualized approach to each concern. Our community supports include the same: agencies, companies, civic groups, volunteers and donors who are willing to give their time, talent, and treasures on behalf of those who have served. Together, we transform lives through service to veterans. For more information visit: veteranspathtohope.org

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

This Is My Father's World

Second Tune

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Traditional English Melody

Ps. 50:10-12

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car-ols raise; The

na-ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, De-clare their Mak-er's praise.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won-ders wrought.
Lord is King, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted
 Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms."
 Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to
 E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887