

**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ
Our Church at Worship on the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 27, 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

SONG OF PRAISE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Kim May

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.**

Verse 1: **Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.**

Refrain

Verse 2: **The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.**

Refrain

Verse 3: **The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.**

#31, The New Century Hymnal: Tune: Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; Lyrics: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

OPENING RESPONSES

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19:1-4a

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words go to the end of the world.

HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Led by Robert Richardson

Verse 1: **When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, one purpose I declare:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Verse 2: **New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let sin and evil fear when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Verse 3: **Discordant humankind, in this your concord find,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Verse 4: **Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song, through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

#86, The New Century Hymnal: Tune: Joseph Barnby 1868; Lyrics: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828

MORNING PRAYER

Whenever you hear the phrase "Hallowed be your name," please respond by saying, "Hallowed be your name."

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 98 (Common English Bible)

Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things!
His own strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory!
The Lord has made his salvation widely known;
he has revealed his righteousness in the eyes of all the nations.
God has remembered his loyal love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!
Be happy! Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!
Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre - with the lyre and the sound of music.
With trumpets and a horn blast, shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king!
Let the sea and everything in it roar; the world and all its inhabitants too.
Let all the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether before the Lord
because he is coming to establish justice on the earth!
He will establish justice in the world rightly; he will establish justice among all people fairly.

HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" Led by Elise Livingston

Verse 1: **For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
God of all, to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

- Verse 2: **For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
God of all, to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**
- Verse 3: **For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
God of all, to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**
- Verse 4: **For the good that love inspires, for a world where none excluded,
For a faith that never tires and for every heart renewed.
God of all, to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

#28, The New Century Hymnal; Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1838, Lyrics: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

SCRIPTURE The Gospel according to Matthew 6:26-30 (Common English Bible)

Jesus said: “Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, won’t God do much more for you, you people of little faith?”

READING “He was Present” from The Iona Community

HYMN “My Country, ‘tis of Thee” Led by Charles Kemp

Verse 1: **My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims’ pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring.**

Verse 2: **My native country thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.**

Verse 3: **Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom’s song; Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breath partake;
Let rocks their silence break; the sound prolong.**

Verse 4: **Our fathers’ God to thee, Author of liberty,
To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright
With freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by the might, Great God our King.**

#65, The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ; Tune: Anon. in Thesaurus Musicus 1740; Lyrics: Samuel F Smith 1832

SCRIPTURE Paul’s Letter to the Romans, chapter 12

...Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote

yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good....

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 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Led by Charles Kemp

Verse 1: **O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

Verse 2: **O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

#68, The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ; Tune: Samuel A Ward, 1882; Lyrics, Katherine Lee Bates 1895

OFFERING Invitation to Give – "Lord Jesus, for you..." from The Iona Community
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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" #140

Verse 1: **Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

Verse 2: **Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

Verse 3: **Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heav'n can boast.**

#140, Hymnal Church of Christ; Tune and lyrics: Munster Gesangbuch 1677

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Closing Response

One: Look at your hands. See the touch and the tenderness.

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at your feet. See the path and the direction.

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at your heart. See the fire and the love.

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at the cross. See God's son and our Savior.

All: God's own for the world.

One: This is God's world, and we will serve God in it.

May God bless you.

May God keep you always with great care and lead your lives with love. Amen.

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.**

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POSTLUDE

Opening words and Morning Prayer, *A Wee Worship Book, 4th Incarnation*, 1999, Wild Goose Resource Group, p. 25-26; "He was present", "Lord Jesus, for you", and Closing Response, from *Present on Earth: Worship Resource on the life of Jesus*, 2002, Wild Goose Resource Group; Music copyright, CCLI 1908882.

NEW NEWS

UPCOMING WORSHIP PLANS

Pastor Hope is on vacation until July 6.

Next Sunday, July 4, there will NOT be a new Community Church service broadcast. You are encouraged to worship with a recent service that you might have missed (All our services through pandemic times are available on our Facebook page under "Videos") or to attend worship with a friend or neighbor, online or in-person.

July 11th, when Pastor Hope is back from vacation, we'll return to our hybrid outdoor/online worship.

WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK

In a few weeks, we'll again be partnering with Exodus World service to welcome a refugee family to the Chicago area. The Wider Missions Ministry is coordinating this project where we'll gather and provide everything needed for a family to start their new life here. Stay tuned for more details to come soon.

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.

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 the week of JUNE 27, 2021

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: Donna Anderson (7/3)

CONCERNS

Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family

Bob Krueger

For rain and all those being affected by drought and severe weather

Kim May

Deann Workmon

Family members struggling with health concerns

For Israel and Palestine, and the peace of Jerusalem

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)