Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023 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

PRELUDE Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Ruth Costello
Sharing of joys and concerns

GATHERING SONG Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet gard,
Sprung from in completeness where his feet pass.

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, Songs of Praise, 2nd Ed.

CALL TO WORSHIP Ron Obara

Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
We see God's glory in the expanse of the heaven.
People: All plants and animals are God's creation.
All that God has made reflects God's goodness.
Leader: We are created in God's image, to relate to God.
We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.
People: God blesses us day by day with good things.
We are given dominion over the works of God.
Leader: Gather to praise God and greet one another.
Celebrate al the ways God is revealed to us.
People: We worship the Creator and Sustainer of all things.
We rejoice in Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of all creation, who attention is focused on the earth in life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and whose gift of the Holy Spirit has empowered Christ's disciples through the years, may our worship unite the saints in mutual caring.

People: May our witness to the world reflect the grace of Jesus Christ, your love for all humankind, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #277

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHANCEL STEPS

The children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church at this time. Afterwards, they are invited to remain in worship with their families.

SONG RESPONSE "Spirt of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Daniel Iverson, Michael Alfred Baughen, 1982, Birdwing Music.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped hi; but some doubted. And Jesus can and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Psalm 8

Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMON "Mindful"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #276

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Communion Prayer
One: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
The prayer continues…
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
Prayer of Consecration
We Share the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

THE OFFERING
Invitation to Give
Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

Loving God,
As we enjoy your bounty,
we give that our sisters and brothers
might also come to appreciate
the amazing gifts you entrust to us.
Thank you for life and all its wonders.
Amen.

*HYMN "Creator God, Creating Still #278

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Pastoral Benediction
Sending Song "God Be with You"

God be with you till we meet again:
By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Call to worship, opening prayer and prayer of dedication: "Taught By Love: Worship Resources for Year A, Lavon Bayler. 5/20/18; Music shared under CCLI #1908882.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

	TODAY	**JUNE 11**
Liturgist	Ron Obara	Elise Livingston
Video Director	Nicki Carter	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs	
Fellowship Hosts	Lydia Blanton	The Kamans

CHURCH NEWS

FOR SERVICE

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
Here at the Community Church, we try to offer something for the children of the church throughout the year, even in the summer. For Summer Sunday School, our focus isn't on the curriculum, but instead is 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. Teachers sign up for just one Sunday at a time and are encouraged to choose an activity they would enjoy doing with the kids. The idea is just for some grown-ups of the church to spend some time with some children of the church doing something they enjoy.

The sign-up sheet is in the lounge, and Jean Valsa would always be excited to help you plan your class. THANK YOU for your support!

BLOOD DRIVE: DONATE BLOOD at our church on June 6th, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and be entered for a chance to win a motorcycle!
EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!
To schedule appointment:
Visit website www.versiti.org or
Call DeAnn Workmon 815-528-2212
Appointments preferred; Walk-ins are welcome

HOST FELLOWSHIP SNACKS: A simple snack is all that's needed, and coffee-making tutorials are available. The sign-up sheet is available in the lounge.

2023 CCR REFUGEE WELCOME PACK: *Please sign up!*

Every year, our Mission Ministry works with Exodus World Service to welcome at least one new refugee family into the Chicago area. We will be collecting our Welcome to America Pack from Sunday, May 28 thru Sunday, June 11, 2023.

When refugees arrive in the U.S., they only have what they can carry. While refugees receive three months of help through a resettlement agency, starting over from scratch is daunting, both financially and emotionally. Through these Pack Programs, volunteers can make a huge difference by providing essential supplies, food, and most especially, a warm welcome.

Please help us turn an empty apartment into a home by collecting and delivering basic household items for the kitchen, bath, and bedroom, as well as personal grooming needs. Our Wider Mission will purchase the first month's supply of food staples as well.

We will deliver our Welcome Pack to a family of three on **Wednesday, June 21**. More details to come.
Our sign-up sheet can be found at the link below or scan the QR code to help.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page: https://signup.com/go/hWSAGDX
2. **Enter your email address:** (You do NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

OR

Scan this code with your smartphone camera now:

If you are interested in joining our welcome group on June 21, call Carol Richardson at 815 675-2011. FYI: We may go out to lunch or dinner at an ethnic cuisine restaurant in the neighborhood.

GIFT CARD ORDERING: Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! Think about gifts you might need to give or places where you shop regularly. You can see a full list of vendors and the % at www.raiseright.com/brands
If you give Penny a gift card order on Sunday, your cards are usually here by midweek. Contact Penny 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 LEARNING

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for Knights of North Castle VBS from June 13-16, 2023, 9:30AM-Noon. Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. Cost is $10 per child. Registration forms are available on the table in the lounge. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Jean Valsa.

FOR CONNECTION

SUMMER BINGO: The big Bingo board in the lounge presents the many opportunities we have for fellowship and worship and service this summer. Take a look at it, keep an eye on the announcements, stay connected to the church, and see how many ways you can hit Bingo before Pastor Hope is back from sabbatical!

PASTOR RUTH'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Ruth Costello cell 815-354-0121
Email: seekingboaz@aol.com

PRAYERS for the WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2023

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope pastorhope@richmonducc.org) AND our office manager, Kathy Smietana (office@richmonducc.org). THANKS!

We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.

JOYS: Birthdays: Adam Connerty (6/7), Marti Swanson (6/8), Rod Brossart (6/9), Sheryl Vezina (6/9).

Grateful for church family.
Alaina Valsa's success at softball.
Bill & Sheryl Vezina's 49th Wedding Anniversary
George Zimmermann's relaxing fishing trip

PRAYERS FOR:
George Zimmermann safe travel
Cheryl Heber's sister
Dawn Conley's neighbor
Pastor Hope during her sabbatical
Friend of Yvonne Kemp's, Letha
Kim May's son's travel
Ode Keil's brother and sister-in-law, both living with cancer
Kathy Speaker
Elise Livingston's niece
Pastor Hope's friend, Rachel Margolis

Ongoing Prayers:
Betty Waspi
Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca
Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family
Marti Swanson's brother, John Baldwin
Louise Strah's niece, Amy Lenik

Our Congregational Prayer Partner this week is Bill Haase.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ at Millburn Congregational U.C.C. in Lake Villa and their Pastor, the Rev. Miranda Moeller.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities: Betty Waspi

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Rev. 4:8–11; Isa. 6:1–8

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

Descant

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

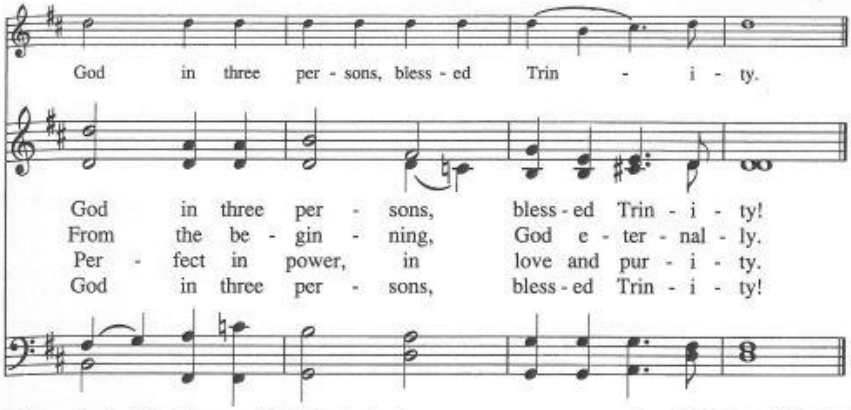
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

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 hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, *one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.*

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
John B. Dykes, 1861
Descant David McK.Williams, 1948

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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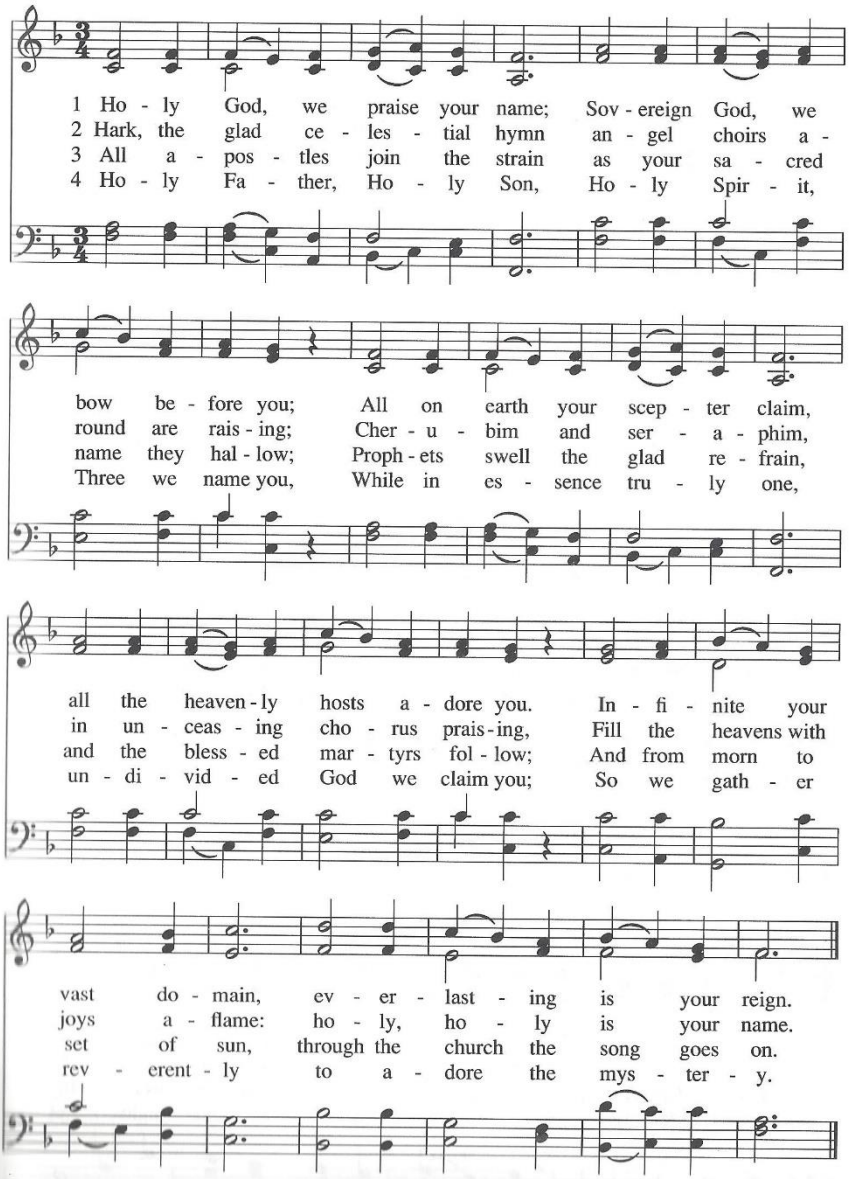
Anon., German, c. 1774
Transl. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1853; alt.

Rev. 4:8–11



This German Catholic hymn, based on the Te Deum Laudamus, *appeared with this tune in a hymnal published by command of*

Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
7.8.7.8.7.7.

Creator God, Creating Still

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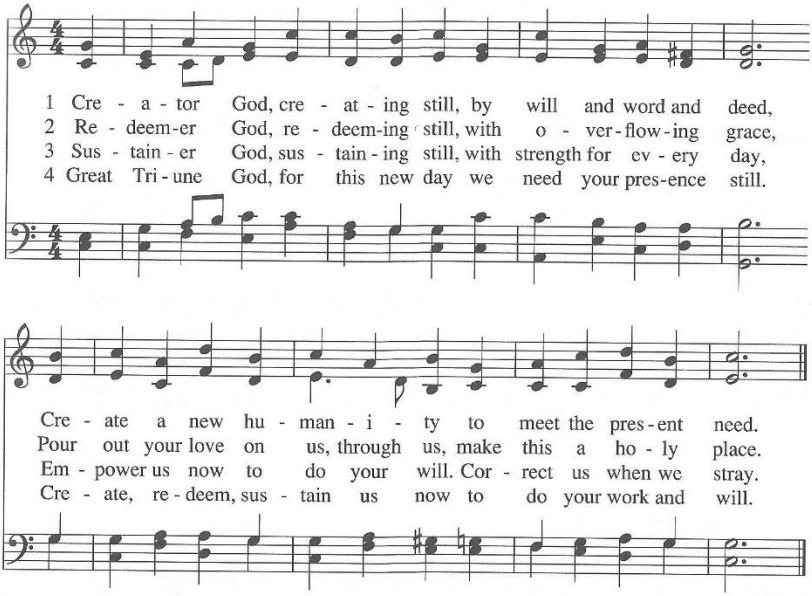
Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1–5



Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708