

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

Our Church at Worship on The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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 GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG “All-Consuming Fire”

Verse 1: **Search me, O God, and know my heart;
know all my thoughts and my ways.
Cleanse me O God, give me a pure heart,
that I may see Your face.**

Chorus: **For You are an all-consuming fire!
For You are an all-consuming fire!**

Verse 2: **Teach me O God, show me Your ways,
and I will walk in Your truth.
Keep me, O God, keep me from falling,
That I may stand before You.**

Chorus:

Tag: **Search me, O God. Search me, O God. Search me, O God.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kathy Karch

One: Day by day, God leads us:

**All: to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**All: to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**All: the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

One: We are here to worship God.

Let us pray:

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted,
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse our religion, to liberate faith from habit,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: To carry the cross, to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: Today, to this place, to us,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

#44

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23:4-6

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

The Gospel according to John 11:45-12:11

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.

Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?" Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

MESSAGE What Wondrous Love: Living Our Love for Jesus

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Because you made the world,
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children;
because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness,
truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our
vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things
out of all proportion;
because we do not always get it right;
we want to believe:

All: (repeat response)

Leader: Because you have promised to hear us
and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront, control, forgive, and encourage us,
as you know best.

(pause)

Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim
with our lips:

All: (repeat response)

HYMN “Savior, an Offering, Costly and Sweet” #536
Kim May

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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.**

SONG RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me" (#327 NCH)

**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.**

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.

Prayer of Dedication

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song "Lord, Make Me More Holy" #75

Lord, make me more holy. Lord, make me more holy.

Lord, make me more holy until we meet again.

Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

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BIBLE STUDY: We meet on Zoom each Tuesday at 1:30pm. Our Meeting ID is 896 5130 1635 and the passcode is 003204. No special knowledge is needed!
This Tuesday, we'll be studying John 13.

BINGO TIME! Beat the winter blues with some Bingo with church friends. We'll play on Zoom as we did last winter. Sunday, March 20, starting at 4:00. Prizes will be awarded and laughter is guaranteed! Judy Jooss is our intrepid planner for this event.

You'll need: a computer or other device to access Zoom;
Bingo cards – either your own or those you print at home or those you've asked Judy to deliver to you;

Bingo markers – coins, buttons, M&Ms, Cheerios...

When it's time, we'll all log onto the Zoom link. Judy will be our Bingo caller; calls will be displayed on the screen also. We'll mark our cards accordingly.

We'll play several games with some breaks in between for chatting. If you print your own Bingo cards, Judy recommends printing them from: <https://letsplaybingo.io/generator>

If you don't have a printer and need hard copies of Bingo cards, please let Judy know ASAP, so that she can put them in the mail to you.

The Zoom information will be sent out closer to our event.

Other questions? Contact Judy – jdjooss@gmail.com or 262-877-9301.

WORD FROM WIDER MISSIONS:

Dear Church Members and Friends,

We thank you for your support of our Wider Missions Ministry. With your help, we regularly makes a difference in the local community with financial assistance to local people in need, donations of school supplies, welcoming refugees, sponsoring a Christmas Family, supporting the local food pantries, and many other organizations, local and far-reaching. You can learn more about these organizations from the "Mission Partner" mention in our Sunday bulletin prayer list.

For a little St. Patrick's Day fun, starting March 13 through March 20, our Wider Missions will be sponsoring a *fun* **NO BAKE-BAKE SALE** fund-raiser. We are asking our church members and friends to donate the price of one, two, or more baked goods usually found at a BAKE SALE. However, there will NOT be any real baked good to buy. No purchasing baking supplies or baking items to bring

to church and sell. Also totally free of extra calories and carbs. Win! Win? We apologize to anyone who really wants to buy baked goods right now, but Wider Missions will gladly promise to host a bake-filled coffee hour when we all return to normal church.

We hope you will prayerfully consider making our NO BAKE-BAKE SALE a success so we can continue the wonderful work we do throughout the year. Our Wider Missions committee is open to all members who want to serve in THE WIDER MISSION MINISTRY that lends help and support to those within our church, community and world as Christ would have us do.

EASTER FLOWERS: Available to order now through March 17th. Lilies or begonias available for \$18 each to beautify the sanctuary for Easter and take home afterwards. Order forms available at church or contact Carol Sligting via email: sligting@sbcglobal.net or by cell: 847-764-8016.

ZOOMING IN ON LOVE: Gather for our Lenten chats, Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We meet on Zoom for a little under an hour and we're focusing on LOVE – the hard-working, in-the-flesh, actions-not-words kind of love that Jesus calls us to and God demonstrates for us over and over. We hope everyone can join in for these important conversations.

The Zoom meeting can be found at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86297314044?pwd=THM4UjlRZWJIT2o3ejBPOUpsU0JqUT09>

Or you can go to zoom.us and then use Meeting ID 862 9731 4044 and Passcode 469196.

DRIVE THROUGH LENTEN LUNCHESES: First Congregational UCC of Genoa City is again serving Drive-thru Lenten Lunches – choice of soup, with salad, roll, and dessert, all for a free-will offering. Available for pick-up between 11:30 and 12:30 each Wednesday during Lent. Call 262-492-6250 for each week's menu.

VACATION: Pastor Hope will be on vacation on Sunday, March 27, and is looking for a few worship leaders for that day. Let her know if you're interested.

CABINET meets tomorrow night on Zoom at 7PM. If you have business the Cabinet needs to discuss, contact President Charles Kemp or Pastor Hope.

PRAYERS for the Week of March 13, 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.

PRAYERS FOR:

Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys
A Richmond family in a time of crisis
Marti Swanson
Elise Livingston's friend, Jim Wright (Patty's husband)
Debbie Franzone
Deann Workmon

Ongoing Prayers:

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

Prayer Partner

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Rod, Kelli, James & Anna Brossart.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ, the sisters of the Mother of God Monastery in Richmond, a community of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

We also pray for our Mission Partner: Emmaus Homes. At Emmaus, we support people with disabilities live independent lives supported by a community that embraces their unique abilities. For over 125 years, as a faith-based organization, we have provided quality services, caring for the whole person for their whole life. Learn more at www.emmaushomes.org.

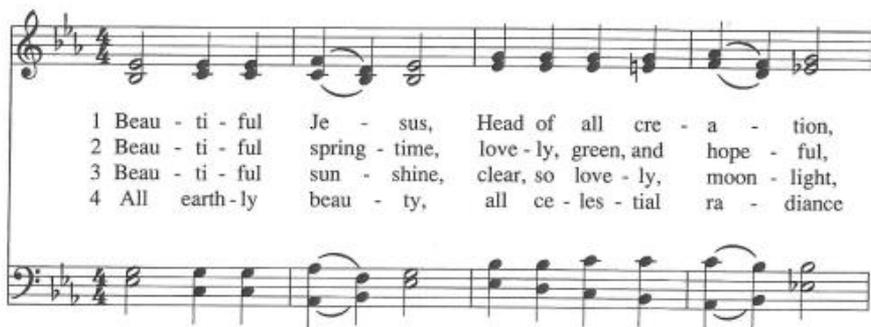
Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:

Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

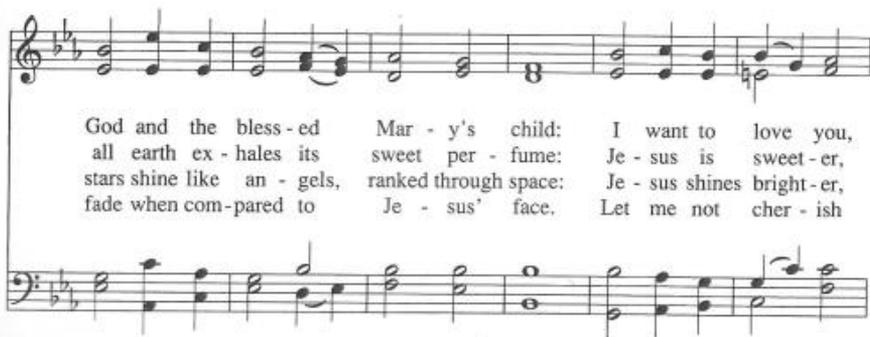
Beautiful Jesus

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

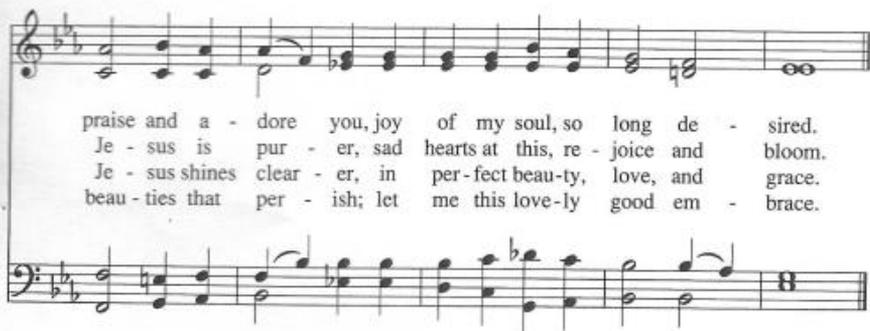
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
 2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
 3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
 4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
 all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
 stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
 Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - jice and bloom.
 Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.
 beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.

This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
Silesian folk melody
 Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850

Savior, an Offering Costly and Sweet

*John 12:1-3; Eph. 5:1-2**Edwin Parker, 1888; alt.*

1 Sav - ior, an of - fer - ing cost - ly and sweet
 2 Dai - ly our lives would show weak - ness made strong,
 3 Some word of hope for hearts bur - dened with fears,
 4 Thus, ev - er serv - ing you, till e - ven - tide

Mar - y of Beth - an - y laid at your feet;
 toil - some and gloom - y ways bright - ened with song,
 some balm of peace for eyes swol - len with tears,
 clos - es the day of life, may we a - bid;

May our love's in - cense rise sweet - er than sac - ri - fice,
 Some deeds of kind - ness done, some souls by pa - tience won,
 Some dews of mer - cy shed, some way - ward foot - steps led,
 And when earth's la - bors cease, bid us de - part in peace,

Sav - ior to you, dear Sav - ior to you.
 Sav - ior to you, dear Sav - ior to you.
 Sav - ior to you, dear Sav - ior to you.
 Sav - ior to you, dear Sav - ior to you.

Edwin P. Parker served as the minister of the Second Church of Christ (South Congregational Church) in Hartford, Connecticut, for fifty years. Parker was also a choir director, composer, and arranger. He wrote this hymn to summarize a sermon.

Tune: LOVE'S OFFERING 6.4.6.4.6.4.5.
Edwin Parker, 1888