

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

Our Church at Worship on The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 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 Molozai

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:

Verse 3: **Fill me, O God, and send me out,
and I will make You known.
Give me Your heart, and Your compassion,
and let Your mercy flow.**

Chorus: 2X

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

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One: Again and again,

All: We come to this space.

One: Again and again,

All: We gather as a community.

One: Again and again,

All: We move closer to God.

One: And again and again,

All: God is here.

One: We are met.

All: We are heard.

One: We are shown the way.

**All: So again and again,
let us worship holy God.**

One: Let us pray:

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts,
nor are your ways our ways.

You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred,
the wings of an angel.

**All: But we scan the finest of our neighbors,
eager to find flaws.**

One: You see our lives in the context of eternity,
and you make a time for waiting, for yearning,
for putting all things in proportion.

**All: But we demand instant results,
and look for tomorrow before savoring today.**

One: You know that only one who suffers can ultimately
save, so you choose to walk the way of the cross.

**All: But we feel judged by a love which risks all for all,
and we stand by at crucifixions.**

One: Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

All: nor are your ways our ways.

Quiet moment.

One: Now, O God, not to have our worst confirmed,
but to have our best liberated, we pray for your grace
and your pardon.

**All: Forgive in us what has gone wrong.
Repair in us what is wasted.
Reveal in us what is good.**

One: And nourish us with better food than we could ever purchase: your Word, your love, your interest, your daily bread for our life's journey, in the company of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 51:7-12

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

John 13:1-15,31-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

MESSAGE What Wondrous Love: Can We Love Like Jesus?

HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” #498

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.**

If you print your own Bingo cards, Judy recommends printing them from: <https://letsplaybingo.io/generator>

If you need hard copies of Bingo cards, there are a number of cards available at the church while it's open on Sunday morning, between 9 and 11:30. They're in a basket just inside the office wing door. Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84394231799?pwd=di95c2wwcVpqb09mNEVxWmJmRUY1QT09> AND Passcode 8772245

OR enter Meeting ID: 843 9423 1799 and Passcode: 872245

Other questions? Contact Judy – jdjooss@gmail.com or 262-745-3752.

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.

UPDATES FROM CABINET: The Church Cabinet met Monday night. We are looking forward to more 'normal' elements of our worship and church community life coming back into place soon. We expect to be offering Sunday School in the next few weeks, beginning to offer coffee hour more regularly, and regathering the choir soon. In order to get those things going, and just generally run worship well, we'll be needing people to serve as teachers and hosts and ushers and so on. Stay tuned.

As Pastor Hope mentioned recently, Cabinet approved the withdrawal of \$20,000 from one of our savings accounts to transfer to our checking account. We make these adjustments periodically. With that adjustment, our finances stand with about \$40,000 in our checking account and about \$155,000 in our non-endowment savings accounts. In February, we received an average of \$1405 of offering per week, yet our 2022 budget expects us to spend an average of \$3,416 per week.

As you know, we've been looking for ideas for new fundraisers. We're working on plans for a late spring plant sale, coordinated by Mike Kennedy. We'll share more details soon, but for now, be thinking of what perennials or small shrubs you have in your yard that need dividing or transplanting this year that you could contribute to this sale.

PRAYERS for the Week of March 20, 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 is Nicki Carter.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ, Rev. Brian Cope with the Congregational Church in Algonquin, Il.

We also pray for our Mission Partner: Mission Partner is Faith Acres Foundation, a Christ-centered non-profit helping you help others in need through prayer, relationships, health and finance. Faith Acres works to meet the basic needs of people struggling financially to make ends meet by distributing free food, emergency clothing and household items through Sharing Center Pantries located in McHenry and Lake County IL. We also provide volunteer and educational opportunities so our "hand out becomes a hand up". Learn more at www.faitha.org

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

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!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain
Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneel at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

This African folk melody was presented to the Church at Chereponi, Northern Ghana, by Ghanaian musicologist, A. A. Mensah, when United Church of Christ missionaries, Al and Sue Krass were serving there. Like Tom Colvin, a Scottish missionary in neighboring Tamale, Al Krass was encouraging the making of hymns to indigenous melodies. Tom Colvin wrote these words to this adapted form of the melody in dedication to the Church at Chereponi.

Tune: CHEREPONI Irr. with refrain
 Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969
 Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982