

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

**Our Church at Worship on The First Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 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**

GATHERING MUSIC

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaia

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.**

© 1997 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)  
Words and Music by: Paul Oakley, CCLI License No. 1908882

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nicki Carter

One: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises,  
Before the wound heals,  
Before there are answers,  
Before there is closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent,  
Where laughter is contagious,  
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,  
And where people gather around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water,  
At the beginning of the wilderness,  
At the start of something new,  
On the edge of faith.**

One: And if God meets us in all those places,  
Then surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confess

Prayer

One: God who meets us where we are—  
There is nowhere we can go that you are not.

**All: You were with Jesus at his baptism.  
You were with him in the wilderness,  
And even in between, you were there,  
Saying aloud, "This is my beloved."**

One: We know that you are with us too—  
In the good, the bad, and everything in between—  
But so often we act like we are alone.

**All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt,  
We hold it in or cast it onto others.  
Instead of coming to you with our joy,  
We credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

One: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you  
While living like you are nowhere to be found?

**All: Forgive our self-centered ways.**

**Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.**

One: You are the God who meets us where we are.

**All: Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.**

Quiet Moment

Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this:

God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning, And God calls you beloved.

**All: We are washed by the water.**

**We are called beloved.**

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

HYMN

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

#551

**WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel according to John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

MESSAGE      Whom Jesus Loves, Through Death to Life

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

“Jesus the Christ Says”

#48

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer and 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

Now as they were eating together, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way after supper, Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, “Drink of it, all of you; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Prayer of Consecration – Place your hands over the bread and cup you have before you as we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come to each table that’s been prepared for you today. Bless each bite and each sip that we share in your name today. Bless each of us in our eating and drinking; wherever we are, let our eyes be opened, so that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, in our enemies, and in all for whom Christ lived and died. Amen.

We Share the Elements – Partake of what is before you as you share your table with Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Christ.  
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. 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.

## 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.**

## POSTLUDE

Call to Worship and Time of Confession, by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org;  
Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

## CHURCH NEWS

**BIBLE STUDY:** We will not have Bible study this week, see you next week.

**FUNDRAISER BRAINSTORMS** – Do you have a suggestion for a fundraiser we could try in these times? Perhaps one that doesn't depend on gathering large crowds of people? Perhaps one that we could target to the wider community to bring in some outside support for our church? Even if it's an idea you just don't think would work here, go ahead and share it so we get some ideas flowing.

**WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY** will meet today Sunday, March 6, in-person, following worship.

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

COME TO WORSHIP! We will offering in-person worship for as long as conditions permit, which we pray is a long, long time. While we know there are many advantages to worshipping from home, there are also many delights of being together in one physical place for worship and we encourage you to attend in-person as you are able. Please still wear your mask to worship.

**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 make 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.

**FROM THE WIDER CHURCH:**

To the Community at Community Church! Greetings and blessings upon you all – with gratitude for your prayers, we join with you in Christ and for the good of the faithful community. Thank you for your prayers. God bless your work! Your in Christ, Monsignor Heinz, Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Available to order now through March 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 Slighting via email: [slighting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slighting@sbcglobal.net) or by cell: 847-764-8016.

## **PRAYERS for the Week of March 6, 2022**

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope [pastorhope@richmonducc.org](mailto:pastorhope@richmonducc.org)) AND our office manager, Brandi Pletcher ([office@richmonducc.org](mailto:office@richmonducc.org)). THANKS!  
*We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.*

**JOYS: Birthdays** Valerie Connerty (March 9), Phyllis Kazimier (March 12)

### **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 Jake and Lydia Blanton and Annabelle and Ryder.

**In the Wider Church:** We pray for our neighbors in Christ, St. Peter Catholic Church in Spring Grove and their pastor, Monsignor Joe Jarmoluk.

**We also pray for our Mission Partner:** Mission partner is Doctors Without Borders, an independent, global movement providing medical aid where it's needed most. "Since its founding in 1971, Doctors Without Borders has operated with a fierce commitment to independence, impartiality, and neutrality. These principles are what make it possible for us to respond rapidly to emergencies and provide lifesaving medical care in situations where many other organizations can't or won't." For more information, see [www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org) .

### **Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:**

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

551

## Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;  
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.  
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5, with refrain  
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

John 6:48; 14:6; 11:25; 8:12; 9:5

Urdu, anon.; alt.

Unison

C G/B C Dm/F

1 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the bread, the bread of life for the  
 2 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the way, the way and the truth and the  
 3 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the light, the one true light of the  
 4 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the life, the res - ur - rec - tion and the

C/G G C Dm/F G

world am I. The bread of life for the world am I, the  
 life am I. The way and the truth and the life am I, the  
 world am I. The one true light of the world am I, the  
 life am I. The res - ur - rec - tion and the life am I, the

Am Em G/D D G C G/B

bread of life for the world am I. Je - sus the Christ says,  
 way and the truth and the life am I. Je - sus the Christ says,  
 one true light of the world am I. Je - sus the Christ says,  
 res - ur - rec - tion and the life am I. Je - sus the Christ says,

C Em Am Dm G7 C

I am the bread, the bread of life for the world am I.  
 I am the way, the way and the truth and the life am I.  
 I am the light, the one true light of the world am I.  
 I am the life, the res - ur - rec - tion and the life am I.

This anonymous hymn, both text and tune, originated in Pakistan or northern India and has been sung around the world since its publication by the East Asia Christian Council and the World Council of Churches.

Tune: YISU NE KAH 9.9.9.9.9.

Urdu melody

Arr. Francis B. Westbrook, 1950