

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

Our Church at Worship on The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityChurchOfRichmond/>

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaia

GATHERING SONG

"Come to the Feast"

Kim May

Words and music: Christopher Grundy; © 2002 Hand and Soil Music

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Pastor Kathy Karch

One: Beloved ones, after Jesus was raised from death, disciples went fishing but caught nothing. So if you've lifted your net from the water and found it empty, you're in the right place.

**All: We'll cast it out again and trust in Christ's abundance.**

One: After Jesus was raised from death, disciples looked at Jesus but didn't see him. So if you've looked around but cannot recognize the Holy One in your midst, you're in the right place!

**All: We'll seek the Risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ lived and died.**

One: After Jesus was raised from death, disciples still were confused and grieving. So if your heart is broken and you're not sure where to turn, you're in the right place!

**All: Christ will turn our mourning into prayer, our prayer into praise, our praise into joy, and our joy into dancing.**

One: Beloved ones, however you come this morning, you are in the right place  
– for doubt, for pain, for praise, for prayer.

**All: We come as we are to give blessing and honor and glory to God. Alleluia and amen!**

HYMN “Morning has Broken” #29 in the RED HYMNAL

**WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30:4-7, 11-12, Good News Version

Sing praise to the Lord,  
all his faithful people!  
Remember what the Holy One has done,  
and give him thanks!  
His anger lasts only a moment,  
his goodness for a lifetime.  
Tears may flow in the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
I felt secure and said to myself,  
“I will never be defeated.”  
You were good to me, Lord;  
you protected me like a mountain fortress.  
But then you hid yourself from me,  
and I was afraid.

You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance;  
you have taken away my sorrow  
and surrounded me with joy.  
So I will not be silent;  
I will sing praise to you.  
Lord, you are my God;  
I will give you thanks forever.

The Gospel according to John 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

MESSAGE      What Now? Be Fed. And Feed.

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN            "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"      #252

## 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

Prayer of Consecration

We Share the Elements

#### 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 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #347

#### 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 “Send me, Jesus” #360  
**Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me Jesus, send me, Lord.  
Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me Jesus, lead me, Lord.  
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me Jesus, fill me, Lord.**

#### POSTLUDE

Call to worship, Worship Ways, April 10, 2016; Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **FOR LEARNING**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Will not meet this week.

### **FOR CONNECTION**

**ALL CONFERENCE CHATS:** Each Wednesday at 3PM, the Illinois Conference of the UCC hosts a Zoom conversation. These chats cover many different topics and are open to anyone. These chats are a great way to connect to new people in our church circle. You can access this weekly Zoom meeting with Meeting ID 879 6243 0629 and Passcode 284065.

### **FOR SERVICE**

#### **COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANT SALE**

May 21, 8AM to 4PM in the church yard

Items for sale include:

Variiegated Hostas

Peonies

Purple Irises

Ornamental Grass

\$10 each

Contact Mike Kennedy if you have other perennials to donate to this sale or if you can volunteer an hour or two on May 21 to help with the sale.

Other small craft items that we could sell are also welcome. Again, talk to Mike if you plan to donate. Reach him at 815-528-0127.

**GIFT CARDS:** Our Gift Card Fundraiser continues constantly. Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! You get the full amount of the gift card AND the church gets a percentage for each card you buy. Penny reminds us that she's not keeping very many cards in stock right now, but the turn-around is very quick on them; they're usually here within 3-4 days of you ordering them. You can contact her at 815-236-6172 or [mriapk@gmail.com](mailto:mriapk@gmail.com) or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled "GIFT CARDS" in the office hallway. Thanks for your support!

**UPDATES FROM CHURCH CABINET:** The Church Cabinet agreed recently that public health conditions allow us to make masks optional for worship. (At the recommendation of our worship staff, we do still ask the choir to mask while singing their anthems.) We encourage you to come however you are most comfortable with regards to masks, and to treat your church neighbor with the same love and respect you always show, whether they're wearing a mask or not. We continue to ask that you stay home if you're feeling sick and that you maintain a healthy distance from other households when you choose your seats for worship.

We will continue to watch public health conditions and to make decisions about our community's standards based on Jesus command to love each other and protect the most vulnerable among us.

**PRAYERS for the Week of May 1, 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:** Elise Livingston (May 3), Rob Richardson (May 6)

**PRAYERS FOR:**

Dawn Conley's daughter, Kelly DeSalvo  
Betty Waspi  
Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca  
Deann Workmon  
Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys  
Debbie Franzone

**Ongoing Prayers:**

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

**Prayer Partner**

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Michelle, Andrew, Sadie and Callie Currier.

**In the Wider Church:** We pray for our neighbors in Christ, Congregational Church of Batavia, IL, and their Pastor: Paige Wolfanger.

**We also pray for our Mission Partner:** Mission Partner is Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Genoa City.

**Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:** Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

**Helping in Worship this Week**

Communion Set-up      Kathy Karch  
 Liturgist                Kathy Karch  
 Video supervisor       Judy Jooss  
 Greeter/Usher         Dick Strahs

**Coming Up in May**

Date	Liturgist	Video Supervisor	Greeter/Usher	Fellowship Host	Sunday School Teacher	Special Music
May 8	Elise L.					Choir
May 15	Nicki C.					
May 22	Mike K.	Nicki C.			Gail C.	Choir
May 29	Robert R.					

## Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1927

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
 Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

John 10:1-29

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;  
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.  
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain  
 Jamaican folk song  
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975