

**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond  
United Church of Christ  
Our Church at Worship on the Festival of All Saints  
November 1, 2020 10:00 A.M.**

*Our Mission: To be an inviting, caring faith community connecting with Christ.*

Tune into Facebook at 10:00 on Sunday to share this time of worship. If you can't join promptly at 10:00, the video will be available later as well.

**You can access that video even if you don't have a Facebook account** – just type in <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityChurchOfRichmond/>

*We will share communion during this service. You're invited to get something to break – bread, cracker, cookie – and something to drink and have them with you as we worship.*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

GATHERING SONG

Tune and lyrics: African- American spiritual

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in!**

**Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,  
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
when the Lord in glory comes.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Moloziyai

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Ode Keil

One: David had big ideas about building a special sanctuary to be God's house.  
But God did not desire to be confined to one place.  
Come to worship God wherever you are, knowing that God is wherever you are.

Let us pray:

O God, we have found you here,  
but we have also found you in many places, loud and quiet;  
in many people, the devout and the doubtful.

**All: We thank you from where we are.**

One: You are unconditionally loving, forever merciful, and tireless in compassion.

**All: We thank you from where we are.**

One: So we worship you, in this moment and all moments,  
wherever we are,  
for you have revealed yourself to us, shared our common lot,  
and we are privileged to be your people.

**All: We thank from you where we are. Amen.**

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,  
 your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;  
 you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;  
 'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,  
 live as the saints who nobly fought of old.  
 and share with them a glorious crown of gold.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WORD FOR ALL AGES - Who are some of the faithful people who have shaped your life? They might be living or dead, “church people” or not really church people, people you know personally or people who influenced you through their public roles in the world. Think of them and say thanks to God for them.

#### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE SAINTS IN LIGHT

One: On this day to remember all the saints, we remember teachers and storytellers who brought God’s stories to life for us

**All: and we give thanks!**

One: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and musicians who sang and played God’s praises

**All: and we give thanks!**

One: We remember preachers and lay leaders who shaped and led our worship through the years

**All: and we give thanks!**

One: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays and lived out their faith all week long

**All: and we give thanks!**

One: We remember churches that have been like families to us – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family over the years

**All: and we give thanks!**

One: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. For our sisters and brothers in Christ whose names are remembered only by God,

**All: we give thanks!**

One: God of all saints, today we especially remember the saints from this church who have departed our company over the past year. We thank you for the faithful lives and witness of

Erma Winn

Eleanor Quamen

Calvin Whitney

Betty Teimer

Michael J. Pyne

Dorothy Myslinski

And we remember other saints who have walked this life with us,  
but now share heaven's realm with you,

George Zimmermann, Sr.	(George Zimmermann's father)
Doria (Blanton) Davis	(Jake Blanton's aunt)
Andrea Blanton	(Jake Blanton's grandmother)
Jimmy Krueger	(son of Lou Krueger, step-brother of Elise Livingston)
Sue Dunk	(Swensens' family friend)
Phil Jacobs	(godson of Carl and Sandy Radebaugh)
John Pugh	(Marti Swanson's cousin)
Dominic Flaig	(Kim May's friend)
Bruce Nelson	(Kim May's friend)
Brian Terry	(Kim May's friend)

All those lives lost, near to us and around the world, due to the coronavirus

One: God of all time, continue to inspire us by their witness, so that we too might be remembered for bringing your justice, mercy, and peace to our world.

**All: Eternal God, as we walk this pilgrim way,  
make our faith firm, our hope clear, and our love pure,  
that we might join the saints of all the ages  
in praise eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN "For All the Saints" verses 4 & 5 #299 in the New Century Hymnal

**Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Second Samuel 7:1-17 (New Living Translation)

When the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, the king summoned Nathan the prophet. "Look," the king said, "I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!" Nathan replied to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the Lord said to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a

tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel's tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, "Why haven't you built me a beautiful cedar house?"

"Now go and say to my servant David, 'This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies has declared: I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes. Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! And I will provide a homeland for my people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won't oppress them as they've done in the past, starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.'

"Furthermore, the Lord declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever."

So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the Lord had said in this vision.

MESSAGE

Promises, Promises: A Settled Promise

HYMN

"They Did Not Build in Vain"

#373 New Century Hymnal

Tune: Leoni; Lyrics: Alan Luff, 1989; CCLI License #1779535

Verse 1:

**They did not build in vain who founded here a church  
as witness to God's love amid a world of pain;  
They built upon the rock that is the risen Christ,  
the one foundation laid that stands each earthly shock.**

Verse 2:

**Those who have loved this place, a cloud of witnesses,  
surround and urge us on as we now run our race;  
Though the horizon's bend conceals the way ahead,  
the footprints on the road show Christ waits at the end.**

Verse 3:

**In every place our world is storm and tempest tossed,  
the flames of fear and hate are evil's flags unfurled;  
Yet still the Spirit's power in wind and fire of love  
pours gifts upon the church for service in this hour.**

Verse 4:

**Make this the meeting place where doubt finds grounds of faith,  
where hurt finds healing love, our penitence your grace;  
where God in Trinity is bridge from death to life,  
from sin to holiness, time to eternity.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

*Come to the table as all saints come, as God's people always do – with love and hope and questions: To build or not to build? In-person or remote or hybrid? Wine or juice? Who can enter God's holy house? Come to the table with your grieving – whether it's fresh or old or delayed – and come with your celebrations of memories and your imaginations of possibilities for times yet to come. Come with it all because here you are welcome, in a weeping, laughing communion of saints, in a weeping, laughing communion of us.*

### Words of Remembering

There is a sacred story that goes way back, older than ancestors, older than anything here, to wind blowing over waters.

God's love was in a garden, and a flood-drenched rainbow.

God's love was in a desert tent, barley fields for gleaning, a slingshot, a mythically big fish, and a newly conceived way in the wilderness.

There is a sacred story that goes back to a mother in a barn, a foster father and angels carefully distanced in the sky.

We love stories, especially this one - of the baby named Jesus, loved by a cow, three magi, and many shepherds, who grew up, healed people, told awkward parables, and made people angry.

At Passover he broke unleavened bread, and said, "This is my body, and I give it for you."

He poured wine and himself, and said, "Everybody drink. I'm pouring out a new covenant, for forgiveness of sins and fullness of life."

He shared it all with saints who slept when he needed friends.

But the Shelter-in-every-place of Love gave that time full of death a hope of waking to Resurrection and an Emmaus Road of self-understanding.

And so now we come, clothed in our own sad times, and surrounded by our own cloud of witnesses to hope – made up of all the saints we have known, and the saints we will know, and the saints we are, and we gather to share at Jesus' table.

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

Bless us and bless these gifts.  
Holy Spirit, rest upon this time and this table, and every table where we meet today, surrounded tenderly by the saints, as on sacred times and tables long ago,

*(breaking, touching, or lifting bread)*  
so that this bread may be broken love,

*(pouring, touching, or lifting cup)*  
and this cup may be a well of blessing,  
for we pray in the words of our ancestors  
that we claim as our own ...



**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.**

We Share the Elements – Eat and drink what is before you as you share your table with Christ and with the whole communion of saints.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Spirit of Christ, stay with us where we stay, as familiar as our daily plates and cups.  
Go with us where we go, as safe and full of love as the mask across our lips.  
May we, your eager and sometimes awkward saints,  
carry in us a Communion from which all can share  
– comfort for loss, courage for speaking, compassion for healing.  
We give you thanks for both the shelter and the road. Amen.**

SONG RESPONSE                      Shall We Gather at the River, v. 1 & 3

Verse 1:

**Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

Verse 3:

**As we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

OFFERING    Invitation to Give – We are so thankful for the continued financial support that we have continued to receive during this time!

Though we rarely see each other in person these days, our church is still: providing worship; providing Sunday school for our church kids; connecting members with each other; supporting neighbors in need, locally and further away. We believe those things are parts of God's calling for us in this place and we can do them because of steady financial support.

You may always send your check directly to the church at PO Box 246, Richmond IL, 60071.

Prayer of Dedication – You might pray as you write your check and address your envelope to the church... Generous God, You have provided a world that meets our every need, and invited us to co-create with You. Receive our offerings. Bless them so they might help create Your kingdom here on earth, even now. Amen.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song "Shall We Gather at the River" v. 4

Verse:

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.**

### POSTLUDE

Call to Worship & Opening prayer, HEAM adp from Spill the Beans, Issue 20, p. 60, Prayer of Dedication, from Spill the Beans, Issue 20, pp. 27; Communion liturgy adapted from Maren Tirabassi's blog, [www.giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com](http://www.giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com);  
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### **NEW NEWS**

**WORSHIP SUPPLY PICKUP** TODAY after worship, from 11:00 to 12:30, please stop by the church and pick up some worship supplies for November. Come by the sanctuary entrances!

**VISITING HOUR** – Let's try Thursday, **10:30-11:30AM** this week. Thanks to all who keep my days interesting by stopping by to visit during these times!

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SURVEY** A couple days ago, you received an email with a link to a survey about our church life. Please take the time to fill it out. If you'd rather have a paper copy to complete and turn in, just call the church office (815-678-6521) and we'll get a copy to you in a couple days. The survey is designed to help Pastor Hope understand what is helpful to you that the church is currently offering, what's not so helpful, and what you wish we were doing instead. It will take you about ten minutes to complete, which might sound long, but is about as long as many of you would spend in the car to make one trip to church; since you're not using your time that way right now, take those minutes and complete the survey. THANKS!

**THAT'S MY PAN FUNDRAISER** Coming soon! Just in time for holiday gift-buying, we'll be working with "That's My Pan," sellers of personalized household products out of Chippewa Falls, WI. Stay tuned for all the details this coming week. Personalized baking pan lids, insulated mugs, cutting boards, as well as reusable straw sets, a bacon press, and much more. We'll have our customized website available for orders as well as paper order forms ready soon!

## ONGOING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISING** The last several years, we've had a great time together at Trivia Night, full of laughter and great snacks and (mostly) friendly competition. As part of that fun, we would have paid \$20/person to take part and planned to spend a little more on a drink or two, some silent auction items, and some of those silly games that the Anderson "kids" talk us into. If you're missing the fun and challenge of this event, perhaps you can send a special gift to the church in the amount of what you would have spent in a typical Trivia Night. Feel free to send along your suggestions for great trivia questions for 2021's event – we'll be sure to share them with our question writer!

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** meets at 2:00 this Tuesday afternoon on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in this weekly discussion of the Bible text for the coming Sunday; we just read the Bible together and stop and explore the story – no advanced homework necessary! Contact Pastor Hope for the meeting link.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BUT ON A SATURDAY** While we'd rather be together, we're excited to continue holding weekly Sunday school on Zoom from 10:30-11:00 each Saturday morning. The kids have a good time seeing each other and hearing some of the great Bible stories. If you have a school-aged child in your household, we'd love to have you attend. And you're welcome, as always, to invite a friend to Sunday school.

### **Our Part in the Story: Daily Devotions on Sunday's Text**

God's Promise to David      2 Samuel 7:1-17      Read this story over again and consider these questions.

- ❖ Why does David want to build a house for the Lord? What does the Lord say about his plan?
- ❖ What is more important to you: a sense of place or home, or having descendants to carry on for your family? What makes a home to you?
- ❖ Have you ever planned to do something for someone, when really, they had something entirely different in mind? Were you able to change your plans?

**Daily Readings** - These readings span the story between this Sunday's text and next Sunday's. Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

**Monday: David's Prayer**                      **2 Samuel 7:18- 29**

- ❖ What strikes you in David's prayer?

**Tuesday: Nathan Condemns David** **2 Samuel 12:1-13**

- ❖ Why do you think that David could not see his own sin in Nathan's story until it was pointed out to him?

**Wednesday: David and Absalom**      **2 Samuel 14:25-15:12**

- ❖ Who, between David and Absalom, would you prefer as king?

**Thursday: David Mourns Absalom** **2 Samuel 18:31-19:8**

- ❖ David was in a state of conflict: his adversary had been defeated, but that meant that his son was dead. How would you have, in his place, appreciated the work of your army, while still mourning your son?

**Friday: The Last Words of David**      **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

- ❖ What does it look like when the Spirit of the Lord speaks through a person? Do you know anyone who speaks words of the Spirit?

**Saturday: David's Instruction to Solomon**                      **1 Kings 2:1-9**

- ❖ What do you think of David's words to Solomon? What would your last words to your heirs be?

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## **PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

*Names are added to our prayer list when shared with Pastor Hope or by contacting the church office (office@richmonducc.org). We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.*

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!

**JOYS: Birthdays:** Kelli Brossart (Nov 1)

### **CONCERNS**

Carol Sligting's great-grandson, Aiden, re-hospitalized

Carol Sligting's son-in-law, Nick, ill with COVID-19

For the election

The people of the Gulf Coast, in the aftermath of Hurricane Zeta

Katy Cartier, who has moved to FL

Sarah Richardson, Rob and Carol's daughter-in-law, pregnant with twins

### **Ongoing Prayers:**

School teachers, staff, and administrators; school children and their parents, including college students

Those whose household relationships are strained

Those whose employment has been lost or put in jeopardy due to the pandemic

Those who wait in self-quarantine after exposure to COVID-19

Healthcare workers, especially Cheryl Kazimier's niece and Rob Rummel's daughter-in-law

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

Ruthann Walters (Indiana)

Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico)

Sharon Mensing (Sterling)

June Whitney (at home)