

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kathy Karch

One: Let us pray.

From before the world began
and after the end of eternity, you are God.
From the sea bursting from its womb
to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God.
In the vastness of the universe
and the forgotten corners of our hearts,
you are God.

All: You are our God and we bless you.

One: Because the world is beautiful
and beauty is a tender thing,
and we are caretakers of creation,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

One: Because human knowledge seems endless,
the world is our oyster,
and we do not know what we do not know,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

One: Because we can live without you
and are free to go against you
and could worship our wisdom alone,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

One: Because you came among us
and sat beside us
and heard us speak and saw us ignore you
and healed our pain and let us wound you
and loved us to the end
and triumphed over our hatred,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

One: Because you are God and we are not,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

(quiet pause)

One: Listen, for the God who created us says:
“Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: You are mine.
You are precious to me.
I love you.
I am with you.”

(quiet pause)

One: So let us respond:

**All: Maker of all, we are your children,
the creatures of your kindness,
the bearers of your image.
This day, we will walk by your light,
follow your son,
and live by your Spirit.
This day, we will not offer you
offerings that cost us nothing.
For this is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Amen.**

HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHANCEL STEPS

The children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church at this time. Afterwards, they are invited to remain in worship with their parents so that we all might worship together.

SONG RESPONSE “Jesus Loves Me”

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Exodus 19:3-8, 20:1-17

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord....

Then God spoke all these words, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third

and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

MESSAGE Covenant, Commandments, Community

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

One: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

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)

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus.
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.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN “We are People on a Journey” #340

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 or donate online at www.richmonducc.org .

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “On Eagles’ Wings”

**And God will lift you up on eagles’ wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

Opening prayer from A Wee Worship Book: Fifth Incarnation. John L. Bell & Graham Maule/Wild Goose Resource Group, 2015, p. 19. Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY will be Tuesday on Zoom at 1:30. We read and discuss the sermon Scripture for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join in and no special knowledge is needed. Our Meeting ID is 896 5130 1635 and the passcode is 003204. This Tuesday we'll be discussing Exodus 32.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS will start next Sunday, November 13, during Sunday School time. Talk to Jean Valsa if you're interested in helping in any way. Our young people will offer the pageant in worship on December 11.

FOR CONNECTION

ADVENT PARTY – Watch for the return of this annual fun! We'll share a soup supper, make some Advent and Christmas crafts, and sing carols together. Everyone of every age is welcome to join us for all or part of the evening. Date and details will be out next week.

FOR SERVICE

FOOD DRIVE: Our local Richmond/Spring Grove Community Food Pantry is in great need of donations. The pantry is seeking donations of canned goods, boxed food, snack foods, personal items, paper goods, cleaning supplies or/and cash. Today through Sunday, November 13, help us bring in a harvest to fill their shelves. The Wider Missions Ministry has prepared 30 brown bags with an attached list of needed items for the food pantry. Please take a bag today and fill it with any or all of the items on the list. Then bring your filled bagged back to church over the next 2 weeks. If you would like to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Community Church of Richmond and mark in the memo line Food Pantry Food Drive.

It takes courage and strength to ask for help when you need it. Let's show those in need in our community that we are here to support them!

COIN CHALLENGE 2022

Now through November 13!

There are three teams and three jugs for collection: Green Jug (for the seats closest to West Ave), Black Jug: (for the seats nearest Broadway Street), and Blue Jug: for the Choir. If you want your section to win, add your change WEEKLY to your section's jug. If you want to bring another section's total DOWN, add bills.

For example: If you add \$5.00 in change to the green jug, but someone from another section throws in \$1.00 bill, the running "game total" for your section is \$4.00 (even though there is really \$6 in the jug). If you don't collect change but want to contribute, throw paper money into other jugs!

If you want to contribute to the fundraiser but aren't able, you may mail a check and make the check out to the church and notate: coin challenge, green jug (or whatever section you want to win).

CURRENT SCORES – The choir has pulled ahead!!

NEXT SUNDAY is our last day to contribute to our teams!

Green: \$20.58

Black: \$-18.39

Blue: \$32.99

Total raised: \$421.18

HELPING THE CHURCH AT NO COST TO YOU: How can you help the church finances without costing you any money? You can buy gift cards of course! You buy the card, you use the card, and the church gets a percentage of that. Do you go to Jewel or Meijer every week? Do you have a Starbucks account that you can load the card onto the app? Do you order often from Amazon? What about those restaurants right down the road in McHenry? Jewel pays us 4% of every gift card purchased through this fundraiser; Meijer pays 3% and Starbucks pays 4.5%. Most of the McHenry restaurant chains pay us 8%! Home Depot, Ace, and Kohls are 4%. If you are spending the money at these places, why not pay up front, get a gift card, and help out the church. It just takes a little preplanning on your part, but no extra money!

Think about gifts you might need to give or places where you shop regularly. See Penny's post below for details on how to order. You can see a full list of vendors and the % at

www.raiseright.com/brands

GIFT CARD ORDERING: Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! If you give Penny a gift card order on Sunday, your cards are usually here by midweek. Contact Penny at 815-236-6172 or mriapk@gmail.com or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled "GIFT CARDS" in the office hallway. Thanks!

THANKS FOR THE NEW CHURCH BOILER!

Last week, we were able to have a new boiler installed for the office/fellowship hall end of our building. The old boiler was original to that part of the building, meaning it was over 60 years old. It had served us very faithfully, but was highly inefficient. The new boiler is a highly efficient and also serves as the hot water heater for that part of the building, replacing an old one of those as well. We expect to see significant savings in our energy costs with this upgraded boiler. Many folks worked together to make this happen: We appreciated the work from local business Dowe & Wagner. Ron Obara talked with companies to get various bids and brought them to Cabinet. Bob Jooss and Jim Speaker were available to meet the workers on the days they were here. The Endowment Committee and Memorials Committee were able to approve the funds for this upgrade. And many dear saints of the church left funds to the Endowment and Memorials so that money was available to us now.

WE WELCOME A NEW OFFICE MANAGER!

After a long stretch without a staff person in the office, we are happy to welcome Kathleen Smietana (pronounced Smi-tan-ah) as our new office manager. Kathleen lives in Woodstock with her husband, Bob, and has 3 young adult children. She comes to us with experience in a variety of church settings as well as many years counseling and supporting families in the adoption process. She will be in the office regularly on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 10am to 1pm. If you have a chance, stop by and say hello so she can start to get to know our wonderful congregation.

Also, a big Thank You to Elise Livingston who helped Pastor Hope interview several well-qualified candidates and decide among them. And a GIANT THANKS to Jan Revelle who has helped Pastor Hope in the office for the past couple months!!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

TODAY

Liturgist	Kathy Karch
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs
Communion Preparations	Kathy Karch

Nov 13

Liturgist	Robert Richardson
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Fellowship Hosts	Mary Ann & Ode Keil
Sunday School	Jean and pageant team

Nov 20

Liturgist	Pastor Kathy preaches
Video Director	Mike Anderson
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Jean and pageant team

Nov 27

Liturgist	Cheryl Kazimier
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Fellowship Hosts	Nicki Carter
Sunday School	Jean and pageant team

Are you willing to help with any of these jobs? Let Pastor Hope know.

COVID UPDATES: Masks are currently optional at worship and church gatherings. Stay home if you're feeling sick and maintain a healthy distance from other households during worship. We make decisions about our community's standards based on Jesus command to love each other and protect the most vulnerable among us.

Tracing the Israelites' Journey **- What We've Read This Fall**

Joseph, the 11th of 12 sons of Jacob. Jacob was the son of Isaac and Rebecca. Isaac was the son of Abraham and Sarah.

Jacob privileged Joseph, but his brothers hated him. They sold him as a slave and he ended up in Egypt.

Joseph had a lot of dreams and an ability to understand other people's dreams. That raised him up in Pharaoh's court, and helped saved many people during a time of famine.

The famine brought Joseph's family to Egypt looking for help.

Eventually, he and his brothers and his father reconciled.

Joseph died. Time passed. More time passed. Pharaohs came who never knew about Joseph.

Joseph's descendants were enslaved in Egypt, and Pharaoh feared they would become powerful. He tried to limit them by ordering the murder of the baby boys of the Hebrews. But they continued to thrive.

Moses was born during that time. His mother floated him in the river and he was rescued by one of Pharaoh's daughters. Moses was raised in Pharaoh's household.

As an adult, Moses was trying to live a life below the radar, married in the countryside, keeping sheep for his father-in-law. But God came to him and called him back to the city to confront Pharaoh. His brother, Aaron, helped. It took ten plagues from God upon the people of Egypt, but eventually Pharaoh told the Israelites to go. Pharaoh made one last attempt to trap them when they reached the sea, but God rescued them through the waters.

Now they're out of Egypt, but not yet in a new homeland. They don't know it yet, but they'll spend 40 years in the wilderness before they come into the new land where they'll settle. They got hungry and God sent them food. They God thirsty and God gave them water from a rock. An enemy army came to attack and God fought them off. God's presence is visible to them as a pillar of cloud in the daytime and a pillar of fire at night. They are learning, slowly, what it means to be God's people, first and foremost.

Trivia Night Returns!

Saturday, November 12, 7PM,
at the Richardson Adventure Farm Event Room

What is it?

As teams, we answer 4 rounds of trivia questions, over the course of 2-3 hours. Points are awarded for correct answers and the winning team wins trophies, their name on the large trophy kept here at church, and endless glory. Teams are encouraged to bring their own snacks; beverages of many types are available for purchase.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW A LOT OF TRIVIA to enjoy Trivia Night! There are other fun games, as well as the eating, drinking, the silent auction, and general merriment!

The family of Mike & Donna Anderson emcee the night. Kathy Speaker puts together an incredible amount of trivia facts, Dawn Conley coordinates the silent auction, and the facility is donated by the Richardsons. All money you spend goes to church!

How can you help?

Spread the word!! The best way to get people to come to an event for the first time is to invite them.

Plan to come! There is no embarrassment at this event. Even teams that know very little trivia have a great time, and all our team answers for the questions are written down and turned in at the end of the round, so no one knows what you don't know.

Donate something for the silent auction. See below for details

Silent Auction

Dawn Conley will be putting together baskets for the Trivia Night Silent Auction. If you plan to put together a basket as a donation, let her know. Also, if you want to donate a single item (new, not something you want to get rid of) or a gift card, Dawn will put a basket together with your item.

Thank you for anything you can do to support this event!
You can call, text, or email her at 815-236-5982 or
conley8405@gmail.com with your idea or donation. Thank you!

Trivia Night has been one of our biggest fundraisers and the silent auction is a big part of that, so we encourage you to bring plenty of cash or your checkbooks, and a generous spirit!

PRAYERS for the Week of November 6, 2022

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please send them to Pastor Hope (pastorhope@richmonducc.org) AND our office email, (office@richmonducc.org). THANKS!

We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.

JOYS: Birthdays: Lydia Blanton (Nov 10)

Jim and Kathy Speaker rejoice at the marriage of their daughter, Tanja, to Charles Severe in Cincinnati this weekend.

Kim May rejoices at the wedding of her stepson, Xavier May, this weekend to Judith Denham.

PRAYERS FOR:

Yvonne Kemp

Cheryl Heber's friend, Jennifer

Jonathan Kaman's uncle

The staff and churches of the Illinois Conference of the UCC

The end of corn maze season

All those affected by Hurricane Ian and other recent climate disasters, including Pastor Kathy's granddaughter

Those grieving, including Nicki Carter's mother

Ongoing Prayers:

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca

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

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Ralph and Connie Runnfeldt.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ: Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood and their Pastor, The Rev. Jeanne Murawski.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing

Facilities: Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

We Praise You, O God

Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,
 Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser

Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
 Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenklanck, 1626

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

Somos pueblo que camina

(We Are People on a Journey)

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"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century; alt.
English version, Carolyn Jennings, 1993

John 6:32-35

1 So-mos pue-blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.
 2 Los hu - mil-des y los po - bres in - vi - ta - dos son de Dios.
 1 We are peo-ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
 2 God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum-ble and the poor.

Estrillo (Refrain)

A - cu - da-mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - ón.
 Joy-ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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| 3 Es-te pan que Dios nos brin-da
a-li-men-ta nues-tra u-ni-ón. (<i>Estrillo</i>) | 3 This is bread that God pro-vides us,
nour-ish-ing our u-ni-ty. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 4 Cris-to a-quí se ha-ce pre-sen-te;
al reu-nir-nos es su a-mor. (<i>Estrillo</i>) | 4 Christ is ev-er pres-ent with us
to u-nite us all in love. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 5 Los se-dien-tos de jus-ti-cia
bus-can su li-be-ra-ción. (<i>Estrillo</i>) | 5 All who tru-ly thirst for jus-tice
seek their lib-er-a-tion here. (<i>Refrain</i>) |

The "Misa Popular Nicaragüense," in which this hymn appeared, was composed for the Eucharist liturgy by members of the "comunidades de base"—a group of laypersons who organized to deal with issues in the Latin American church and community.

Tune: SOMOS PUEBLO 8.7. with refrain (8.7.)
"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century