

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

**Our Church at Worship on the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021 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.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG “How Great is Our God”

Kim May and Penny Kraft

VERSE 1: **The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to
hide;
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His
voice**

CHORUS: **How great is our God, sing with me, how great is
our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God**

VERSE 2: **And age to age He stands, and time is in His
hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

CHORUS 2X

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CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Mike Kennedy

One: Shouts of joy! Songs of praise!
Sounds of hope and love!

**ALL: These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

One: The Lord is our God, our creator.
We are God's people, led by God's love.

**ALL: These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

One: Enter God's house thanksgiving.
Enter God's house full of praise!

**ALL: These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

One: God's love is never ending.

ALL: God is good! Alleluia!

Let us pray: God of all glory, whose home is the whole of creation, we rejoice that you make yourself known particularly in the midst of those who gather as your people in Christ's name. May this place be again a holy meeting ground for you and your people. May this sanctuary, and the holy ground between all who worship as your church, forever resound to praises of your glorious name. We pray through Jesus Christ, Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah*

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the
highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in
Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk
uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

HYMN “Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling” #67 V 1 & 2 Kim May

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 5:1-12

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, “You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’ Therefore command that cedars from the Lebanon be cut for me. My servants will join your servants, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants; for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”

When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, “Blessed be the Lord today, who has given to David a wise son to be over this great people.” Hiram sent word to Solomon, “I have heard the message that you have sent to me; I will fulfill all your needs in the matter of cedar and cypress timber. My servants shall bring it down to the sea from the Lebanon; I will make it into rafts to go by sea to the place you indicate. I will have them broken up there for you to take away. And you shall meet my needs by providing food for my household.” So Hiram supplied Solomon’s every need for timber of cedar and cypress. Solomon in turn gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty cors of fine oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year. So the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them made a treaty.

MESSAGE

“In the Spaces Set Aside as Sacred”

SONG

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Kim May

I’m gonna *live* so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.

I’m gonna *live* so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.

Words and music: traditional

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TIME OF PRAYER

We will join together in a prayer of rededication of our church.

When Pastor Hope indicates, please join in the responsive line:

“Fill this church with your Holy Spirit. May its walls and all they contain declare your praise.”

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.

HYMN

“They Did not Build in Vain”

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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. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates at the front or back of the sanctuary.

Prayer of Dedication

For bringing us safely to this hour, we thank you, God. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your calling on us. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we’ve received. May our prayers unite us with other and with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again” (#81)

God be with you ‘til we meet again:

By good counsel, guide, uphold you;

With a shepherd’s care enfold you;

God be with you ‘til we meet again.

‘Til we meet, ‘til we meet, ‘til we meet at Jesus’ feet.

‘Til we meet, ‘til we meet,

God be with you ‘til we meet again.

Credits: Call, by Richard Bott, on <http://liturgy.richardbott.com/> ; Opening prayer, Chalice Worship, p. 228.

Please head OUTSIDE to have your after-worship conversations.

NEW NEWS

BIBLE STUDY is back! We meet on Zoom each Tuesday at 1:30pm. Our Meeting ID is 896 5130 1635 and the passcode is 003204. No special knowledge is needed!
This Tuesday, we'll be studying I Kings 8:1-30

CHURCH NEWS

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Our Mission Ministry is again having a Butter Braid fundraiser to earn money for our area missions. The start date is 10/31/21 and the end date is 11/14/21. The distribution is scheduled for 11/17/21. For each Butter Braid the cost will be \$14, and the order forms will be distributed by our start date of 10/31/21. Please place your order when you receive the form, and enjoy the yummy taste and the tantalizing smells of the Butter Braids for your holidays. The best part is that you will be helping those in need.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Thursday, October 28th, 6:00-7:30PM. Come enjoy pumpkin carving with your church friends! Masks will be necessary and so are RSVPs. Let Pastor Hope or Jean Valsa know by Sunday, October 24th, how many from your family plan to attend. We won't be providing a meal this year – families can either eat ahead of time or bring their own dinner to eat at safely distanced table in the fellowship hall. We'll still have plenty of fall fun being together again!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on October 31. All Saints is the day in the year when we name and remember all those loved ones who have died in the past 12 months. If you have lost a loved one during this past year who would like us to name aloud in worship on the 31st, please share that person's name and their connection to you with Pastor Hope or Office Manager, Brandi Pletcher, no later than Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The Fall Meeting of the Fox Valley Association of the Illinois Conference will be held Saturday, November 6, 10AM – noon. The meeting will happen via Zoom. Registration is required. Let Pastor Hope know if you're interested in registration information.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING: In 2021, Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant communities. One-third of Neighbors in Need funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. We'll receive this annual special offering throughout the month of October.

What to Expect at Indoor Worship

Expect to...

1. Wear your mask the whole time you are in the church building.
2. Pick up a bulletin from near the doorways when you come in.
3. Sit only with members of your household or 'pod' (people you regularly interact with outside of church).
3. Respect the social distancing marked in the pews, leaving space between the people around you. This might even mean sitting in a place you're not used to in the sanctuary.
4. Let Kim and Penny do most of the singing. The congregation will sing a song after the sermon and the closing response.
5. Leave your offerings in the offering plates that will be at the front of the sanctuary and also near the bulletins.
6. Go outside after the closing response for fellowship and conversation. Please don't do your mingling inside.
7. Stay home if you have a new cough, fever, or any other new COVID-like symptoms, or if you know you've recently spent time with someone who was COVID-positive.
8. Finally, expect to delight in worshipping our God together in a place that has brought joy and comfort to many people over many years!

We take these precautions out of love and care for each other, most especially for our church children and others who are still particularly vulnerable at this time. We continue to look forward to the time when these precautions won't be necessary. Until then, let us be caring, be patient, and help protect one another.

We are following the guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health, but also the instruction of our faith which tells us to show love for our neighbor, to protect the vulnerable, and to humbly consider others more important than ourselves.

PIONEER CENTER UPDATES

Through our Wider Missions Ministry, our church regularly supports the Pioneer Center, a private, non-profit charitable organization, providing programs for people with developmental disabilities, behavioral health services and homeless shelter needs to the McHenry County community. Here are some updates about their work.

Unique Day Program Launching in Huntley

Pioneer Center and the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) are partnering to provide a brand new, recreation based, Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) adult day program to the community. The Bright Program, focused on increasing community independence, will be launching in November and is located at the Deicke Park facility on 11419 S IL Route 47 in Huntley, IL.

“We are excited to introduce this amazing and much needed IDD Day Program to the community,” states Pioneer Center’s Community Day Program Manager Renee Stoklosa. The Bright Program provides personal development through case management, community connections and healthy relationships.

“This collaboration with NISRA allows our clients access to opportunities and activities offered by both organizations at one location,” Stoklosa adds. If you are interested in learning more about the Bright Program, please contact Pioneer Center admissions at (815) 759-7160 or email: ddadmissions@pioneercenter.org .

Anyone looking for an opportunity to make a difference in the community and work at this unique recreation day program, please apply for the Direct Support Professional (DSP) job listed at: www.pioneercenter.org/careers.

PADS Homeless Shelter Kitchen Nears Completion

The new PADS Emergency Homeless Shelter in McHenry, IL, fully opened a year ago expanding from a 34 bed shelter to 70 beds and includes bathrooms, showers, a lounge/dining area, laundry, mailboxes and offices. The new commercial kitchen, designed to support food preparation, delivery and storage nears completion. Plans are to be ready to serve meals to clients by Thanksgiving. Future plans include a food service training program that will help the clients develop skills, confidence and secure employment.

PADS is currently interviewing for a [full-time kitchen Chef/Manager](#) to oversee operations and manage the meals for the shelter clients. If you are interested in this position, please contact Human Resources Recruiter Regina Thomas at rthomas@pioneercenter.org.

The McHenry County PADS Homeless Shelter is grateful and thankful for your continued support. If you are interested in donating to our shelter, please visit our website: www.pioneercenter.org/donate.

Prayers for the Week of October 24, 2021

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.*

JOYS

Birthdays: Kathy Karch (Oct 25), Cheryl Runnfeldt (Oct 28)

From : Betty Waspi Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to all my church family who were so thoughtful in sending Get Well wishes and phone calls during my recovery from my fall. Also for the sympathy cards in the loss of my brother. There was only the two of us. Bless you all for your concern and prayers.
Betty Waspi

PRAYERS FOR:

Marti Swanson's long-time friend, Judy Coomes Wenzel
Sheryl Vezina
Linda and Lee's granddaughter, Bethany
Ina Obara's father
Mercedes Ahlgrim
Deann Workmon
Betty Waspi

Ongoing Prayers:

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

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:

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

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

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*Benjamin Schmolck, 1732**Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993*

1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
 2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
 3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
 4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.

Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
 Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
 Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
 In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.

Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
 Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
 Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fer - ing, wor - thy God.
 Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is corn - plete.

5 Re - in - force me, weak and fail - ing,
 mak - ing sure your pre - cious word—
 (Thieves and e - vil un - a - vail - ing)—
 lives with - in my heart se - cured.
 Shin - ing word, my star - ry guide,
 plant - ed for me, deep in - side.

6 Let me hear when you com - mand me,
 let me leap to do your will.
 When I wan - der, rep - ri - mand me,
 com - fort me when I lie ill.
 In the hour of si - lent dread,
 feed me with your heav - en - ly bread.

A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.
Joachim Neander, 1680

They Did Not Build in Vain

Acts 2:1-4, 43-47; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 12:1-2

Alan Luff, 1989; alt.

1 They did not build in vain who found - ed here a church
 2 Those who have loved this place, a cloud of wit - nes - ses,
 3 In ev - ery place our world is storm and tem - pest tossed,
 4 Make this the meet - ing place where doubt finds grounds of faith,

as wit - ness to God's love a - mid a world of pain;
 sur - round and urge us on as we now run our race;
 the flames of fear and hate are e - vil's flags un - furled;
 where hurt finds heal - ing love, our pen - i - tence your grace;

They built up - on the rock that is the ris - en Christ,
 Though the ho - ri - zon's bend con - ceals the way a - head,
 Yet still the Spir - it's power in wind and fire of love
 Where God in Trin - i - ty is bridge from death to life,

the one foun - da - tion laid, that stands each earth - ly shock.
 the foot - prints on the road show Christ waits at the end.
 pours gifts up - on the church for ser - vice in this hour.
 from sin to ho - li - ness, time to e - ter - ni - ty.

Alan Luff, a graduate of the Royal College of Music, has served the Anglican Church as parish priest, precentor of Westminster Abbey, and canon of Birmingham Cathedral. He is also known as the author of *Welsh Hymns and Their Tunes* (1990).

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
 Traditional Yigdal melody
 Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770