

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

**Our Church at Worship on the Festival of All Saints
October 31, 2021 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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Facebook account** – just type in

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiky

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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Mike Anderson

One: Come, all who are weary
 of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.
 Come, all who are heavy-laden
 with too much, with too little, with anxiety,
 with fear, with anger.
 Come, all who have hope
 for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.
 Come and hear these words:
 “See, I am making all things new.”

Let us pray:

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: Strong in faith and eager with questions,
 Singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: Filled with saintly determination
 yet mindful of our human limitations,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: Made strong in your endless love for us,
 we know ourselves to be yours and

All: we come to be your people, O God.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and
 the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I
 saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
 heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

HYMN “For All the Saints” #299, vv. 1-3, Kim May

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 all the 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 especially for the faithful lives and
witness of

Ruth Ann Walters

Eric Leighninger

June Whitney

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

Lee Hofman

Sheryl Vezina's uncle

Jean Parrish

Sheryl Vezina's mother

Ron Crutcher

Gail Crutcher's brother

Tim Blanton

Jake Blanton's uncle

Brett Scharringhausen

Ode Keil's nephew

Cameron Fairchild

Kathy Speaker's cousin

Betsy Ann Tesch

Pastor Hope's friend

Ken Kania

friend of the church

Frank Buchert, Jr.

Betty Waspi's brother

Leif Anderson

Katie Anderson-Tedder's father

Jake Mysliwicz

Bob & Judy Jooss's Friend

Barbara Gipson

Judy Jooss's cousin

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. 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 #299, vv. 1&2, Kim May

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING First Kings 8:1-13, 27-30

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

... "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive."

MESSAGE “Saints Make the Spaces Sacred”

RESPONSE “For All the Saints” #299 vv 3,4&5

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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.

HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River” #597, vv. 1

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

Song Response “Shall We Gather at the River” #597, v. 4

POSTLUDE

Please head OUTSIDE to have your after-worship conversations.

Call, - from I Am Making All Things New, written by Rosie Venner. Posted on <http://wscf-europe.org/mozaik-issues/mozaik-25-the-powers-that-be/worship-i-am-making-all-things-new/>
Opening prayer, from “All Saints Day (Year A),” posted on Seasons Online.
<http://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/all-saints-day-cong-life-yr-a.pdf>
Remembering the saints, written by Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto, and posted on
<https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/29/all-saints-litany/>

CHURCH 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10, 7:1-11.

THANK YOU:

THANK YOU so much for your kind notes and cards and gifts during Pastor's Appreciation Month! I feel the love! And I certainly appreciate getting to be your pastor. – Pastor Hope

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Our Butter Braid fundraiser for the Wider Missions Ministry begins today! Paper order forms are available at the church; if you're not in worship and would like one, plan to stop by during the week to pick one up. You can also order online at <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/f1f2d7cf-7cae-45d9-b415-41551063ca4e> (Sent out to you earlier this week.) You can share that link with family and friends as well.

IMPORTANT: Butter Braid products CANNOT be shipped directly to individuals and so all orders must be picked up by you or someone local. If you order online, the website will say that the church will deliver to your address, but we need you to PICK UP your orders at the building.

All orders must be in – on paper or online – by November 14th. The products will be delivered TO THE CHURCH on Wednesday, Nov 17th, and you should plan to pick yours up that day between 4:30 and 6:30PM..

Each delicious product costs \$14, and helps support people in need in our community.

If you have questions or need help ordering, contact Karen Wootton (kaywool0@yahoo.com) or Office Manager Brandi Pletcher (office@richmonducc.org).

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.

Prayers for the Week of October 31, 2021

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please sendthemtoBOTHPastorHope(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: Kelli Brossart (Nov 1)

We rejoice with the wider church as Mr. Quinn Caldwell is ordained to Christian Ministry at St. Matthews United Church of Christ in Wheaton next Sunday at 4 PM.

PRAYERS FOR:

Bill Haase's daughter, Barb Haase
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

Shall We Gather at the River

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Robert Lowry, 1864; alt.

Rev. 22:1-5

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 As we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Written during a time when an epidemic was claiming many lives in New York, Robert Lowry's hymn raised the question "Shall we meet again?" Lowry was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn from 1861 to 1869, and collaborated on numerous hymn collections with William H. Doane.

Tune: HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Robert Lowry, 1864

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine,
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906