

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond

United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 3, 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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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG "You Say" Kim May and Penny Kraft
I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up.
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know.

Chorus: You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.
You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
And You say I am held when I am falling short.
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours,
And I believe, oh, I believe
What You say of me.
I believe.

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me.
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity.

Chorus

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You'll have every failure, God, You'll have every victory.

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Kathy Speaker

Leader: Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God.

We've been led to this mountaintop for worship.

God has made an everlasting covenant with us.

Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

People: We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.

May God provide what we need to grow.

Leader: Sometimes we think God has forgotten us.

Often we don't understand what God expects of us.

Yet God deals bountifully with us in ways that we take for granted.

God shows us the value of life and helps us celebrate it.

People: We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.

May God provide what we need to grow.

One: Let us pray: God, you remember your people in every place and time even when we fail to remember you.

You meet us here, and you call us to listen

and to speak for you.

So when we cloud the air with senseless words,

All: God, have mercy.
Leader: When we bend your ear for our own greed, ignoring the

needs of others,

All: God, have mercy.

: When we silence

All: God, have mercy.

Leader: When we ignore the

All: God, have mercy.

Leader: When we fail to pr

All: God, have mercy.

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Leader: Hear this good

Leader Hear this good news! Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

People. Amen. Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

Leader. Amich.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God....

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

HYMN "Sheaves of Summer" #338, Kim May

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the

child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up.

MESSAGE Living into this God-given World: God Gives a Enough

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN "Great is Your Faithfulness" #423, verses 1 & 2

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

Now as they were eating together, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper, Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink of it, all of you; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come to each table that's been prepared for you today. Bless each bite and each sip that we share in your name today. Bless each of us in our eating and drinking; wherever we are, let our eyes be opened, so that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, in our enemies, and in all for whom Christ lived and died. Amen.

We Share the Elements – Partake of what is before you as you share your table with Christ.

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 “Great is Your Faithfulness” #423, verse 3

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.

Prayer of Dedication

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “Amen”

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

Liturgy Credits: Call, Baylor, Taught by Love, Proper 8A; Confession, Before the Amen, p. 120, Donald Schmidt; Assurance, BOW

Please head OUTSIDE to have your after-worship conversations.

NEW NEWS

VACATION Pastor Hope will be on vacation from Wednesday, the 6th, through Tuesday, the 12th. Pastor Kathy Karch will be our guest preacher here on Oct. 10. There will be NO Bible Study on Oct. 12. We apologize that we will NOT be able to livestream our service on Oct. 10.

CHURCH NEWS

MENS CLUB MEN'S CLUB will meet on Saturday, October 9. Stay tuned for further details.

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.

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 Samuel 3,

CHURCH FALL FUN

Sunday, October 24, 1-5 pm at Richardson's Adventure Farm! Rob and Carol are donating a picnic area for us again this year for a church gathering! We will be “bringing our own everything” for picnicking together. More details to come soon. Also, in lieu of an entry fee, you may make a good-will offering to go to the church.

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

TRIVIA NIGHT (UPDATED)

The Church Cabinet has decided that we will not hold Trivia Night at this time out of caution for public health. We consider this to be just a DELAY. Trivia Night WILL be back, and when it is, we'll enjoy all the food and fun and laughter that we've enjoyed together in years past.

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 3, 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: Anna Brossart (Oct 4), Amanda Kraft (Oct 6), Jake Blanton (Oct 9)

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

Betty Waspi would love to hear from you.

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