

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on
the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023 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 are visiting.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaui

Sharing of joys and concerns

GATHERING SONG “Enough”

CHORUS: **All of You is more than enough for all of me
For ev'ry thirst and ev'ry need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough**

VERSE 1: **You're my supply my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward worth living for
Still more awesome than I know**

CHORUS

VERSE 2: **You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are ev'rything
Still more awesome than I know**

CHORUS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

George Zimmermann

One: Come to worship the Lord with a new song! Join all the earth in singing to God and blessing God's name.

All: We'll tell God's glory outside these walls and praise God's works every day.

One: God is great and worthy of praise! It's easy to be tricked by our gods of power and privilege and protection, but only God made the heavens and the earth.

All: We'll tell God's glory outside these walls and praise God's works every day.

One: God will judge all peoples with a justice we can't capture, and the heavens and earth will rejoice; the sea will shout and the fields will rejoice and the trees will sing for joy and peace will restore all creation.

All: We'll tell God's glory outside these walls and praise God's works every day.

OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you do not need our praise.

The world itself tells of your glory . . . sunrise and birdsong, the ruggedness of landscape, the randomness of rain, beauty for the eye, nourishment for the body, music for the soul . . . these all speak of your goodness and honor your name.

Two: You do not need our praise.

Other places can do it better with finer music or fewer words.

Other people can do it better, where two or three are gathered who live in poverty or under threat, and who, despite all that oppresses them, rejoice to be called your own.

What can we add when these are more eloquent?

All: You do not need our praise, but we need to praise you.

One: It is the yearning which you have planted in us.

Two: It is our desire for a true home that brings us to praise.

All: It is a hope that all the rumors we have heard about you are true:

you love,

you forgive,

you transform.

One: And you know us . . . oh, how you know us.
You perceive what in us needs to be loved, what in us needs
to be forgiven, and what in us needs to be changed. We need
no more words, just penitence.

(Pause)

One: So we ask: Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

One: Christ, have mercy on us.

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

One: Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

(Pause)

One: These are the words of Jesus.

They are strong and true, so believe them:

‘I have come that you may have life in all its fullness.’

‘Go in peace; your sins are forgiven.’

**All: Now, O God, help us to live as a forgiven people –
visibly different, gloriously free, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

HYMN “We Worship You, God”

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM “Praise the Lord with Jubilant Song” Chancel Choir

THE CHANCEL STEPS

*The children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church at
this time. Afterwards, they are dismissed to Sunday School for the
remainder of worship. They will return upstairs at the end of worship.*

SONG RESPONSE “The Whole World is in God’s Hands”

The whole world is in God’s hands (repeat 3 times)

The world is in God’s hands.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 96:1-6

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

I Kings 18:20-39

MESSAGE Our Church Changes Lives: Prophets of Peace

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN “For the Healing of the Nations”

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TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayers

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.

THE OFFERING

Stewardship Moment: “Giving” Dawn Conley & Mike Kennedy

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

**Healing One,
generous in love and forever faithful,
we bring an offering: our time, talent, and treasure.
May these gifts be used with wisdom and justice
in the church and its mission in the name of the Risen
one. Amen.**

HYMN “Great is Your Faithfulness”

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NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “Eagles Wings”

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s 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.**

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>October 29</u>
Liturgist	George Z.	Cheryl Kazimier
Video Director	Nicki Carter	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs	
Fellowship Hosts	Penny Kraft	The Kamans
Sunday School	George Z. & Lydia B.	George Z. & Lydia B.

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Bible Study on Tuesday at 1pm (see below for details)
- Choir practices this Wednesday at 7pm
- Pumpkin Carving, Wednesday at 6pm

CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING: Bible Study meets on Zoom 1:00 until about 2:30 discussing the Bible story for the upcoming Sunday. All you need to bring is your Bible to read from – any version works! – and your curiosity. Click here to join our Tuesday meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89651301635?pwd=amI5VzllaDR5Y3o0ZThhajNXdnNYUT09>

or join using Meeting ID 896 5130 1635 and Passcode 003204.

FOR SERVICE

GIFT CARD ORDERING: Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! You can see a full list of vendors and the % we receive at www.raiseright.com/brands . 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 upper hallway.

Gift Card App

Your church leaders are very excited that we can now also support this fundraiser through the RaiseRight app with your smartphone. Gift cards for many places are available digitally for you to purchase and then use right away at the store you're shopping in or the restaurant you're eating at! Using the app cuts down on our shipping costs and gets funds delivered back to the church account quickly. Penny Kraft, Ronnie Obara, and Kathy Speaker are all very familiar with using the app and can help you get started if you're interested.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

What? Delicious, bake-at-home pastries sold to benefit our Wider Missions ministry.

How much do they cost? \$16 each

What flavors are available? Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Carmel Rolls, and Cinnamon Rolls.

When do we order? Ordering starts today through November 5th. Frozen Butter Braids will be delivered to the church on Friday, November 17th; you can pick them up between 5:00 and 6:00 that day.

These pastries come frozen so all you have to do is remove the Butter Braid from the package, thaw, rise and bake. They're perfect to have on hand for the holidays. Don't forget to tell friends and family we're selling them!

If you would like your own online order site for friends to easily place their orders with payments, let Karen Wootton know, and she will set it up.

FOR CONNECTION

MEN'S CHORUS SUNDAY: October 29! ALL the men of the church are joyfully encouraged to arrive at church by 9:20 that day and rehearse with Kim to offer a fun, familiar musical piece in worship that day. Never sung in a choir before? Don't worry, Kim's a professional music trainer, and the Holy Spirit does great things!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 6. All Saints is the day 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 that day, please share that person's name and their connection to you with the church office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 1.

BUNCO – SAVE THE DATE: Friday, November 17 with the dice rolling at 7PM. A sign-up sheet will be in the lounge soon.

Trivia Night Returns!

Saturday, November 11, 7PM,
at the Richardson Adventure Farm Event Room

What is it?

We, and our friends, and other people from the community, form teams and 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! While Trivia is the main event, there are other fun games during the evening, as well as the eating, drinking, the silent auction, and general merriment!

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

How do we sign up?

Registration forms are available in the lounge. If you have questions ask Dawn Conley, Kathy Speaker, or Pastor Hope.

Silent Auction

Dawn Conley puts 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. 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 OCTOBER 22, 2023

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope (pastorhope@richmonducc.org) AND our office manager, Kathy Smietana (office@richmonducc.org). THANKS!

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

JOYS: Birthdays: Rev. Kathy Karch (10/25); Cheryl Runnfeldt (10/28).

Condolences to the Kazimier family on the passing of Cheryl's mother, Catherine Prendergast. Kay passed away peacefully at home last Sunday.

We grieve the passing of our dear friend, Yvonne Kemp, on Wednesday evening, even as we rejoice that she has entered life eternal. Our prayers surround Charles and all of Yvonne's family. Memorial details will be shared shortly.

PRAYERS FOR:

Injured high school football player, Augie

Bill Vezina

Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

DeAnn Workmon's step-son, Robert

DeAnn Workmon

Kim May's friend, Jacquie

Rob Richardson's brother, Dale

Kathy Karch

Bill Haase's daughter, Barb

Carol Sligting's sister-in-law, Louise

Elise Livingston's co-worker, Kelsey

Ongoing Prayers:

Betty Waspi

Marti Swanson's brother, John Baldwin

Louise Strah's niece, Amy Lenik

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Rob and Carol Richardson.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ at St. Paul U.C.C. in Barrington and their Pastor, the Rev. Jana Chwalisz.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities: Betty Waspi

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

arc bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - mighty, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

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Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system starts with the word 'Refrain' in italics. The lyrics for the first system are 'Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by'. The second system continues with 'morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your'. The third system concludes with 'hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!'. The music features a steady bass line and a melody in the treble clef.