

**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ
Our Church at Worship on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 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 Molozai
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG "Forever"

Verse 1: **Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.**

Verse 2: **With a mighty hand, an outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.**

Chorus:

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.**

Verse 3: **From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.**

Repeat Chorus

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Elise Livingston

One: God of wonder and love,
God of rescue and judgement,
God of hope and forgiveness, here we are.
We wonder. We call out. We hope.

Hear us pray:

Powerful God, you created the universe and also us,
the stars and also the slugs.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: You blessed Abraham and Sarah to be blessings to all
nations.

You guided Jacob and wrestled him into new life.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: You protected Joseph and used his hard times for
goodness.

You strengthened midwives and mothers to defend Moses.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: In the fullness of time, you came in Jesus

to live among us and reveal your love through all times.

With the long line of ancestors, you gather your church today
- you call and guide us, protect and strengthen us.

You ask us to reveal your love.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: Amen.

HYMN:

“Immortal, Invisible”

#1, verses 1 & 2

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105 1-6, 23-26, 45b

O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

...

Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
And the LORD made his people very fruitful
and made them stronger than their foes,
whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,
to deal craftily with his servants.
He sent his servant Moses
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
...Praise the LORD!

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 "Thank God"

**Thank God, thank God,
thanks in the morning, thanks in the noontime.
Thank God, thank God,
thanks when the sun goes down.**

ANTHEM

"Set Down, Servant"

Chancel Choir

Arr. By Roger Emerson

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-8a, 10-15 and 4:10-17

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I

know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey... Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

But Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” Then the LORD said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.” Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, “What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.”

MESSAGE

What a Name Reveals

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

“Bring Many Names”

#11

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.

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.

HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible”

#1, verses 3 & 4

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “When the Lord's in You”

**When the Lord's in you, and the Lord's in me,
there's a bridge between our spirits, wherever we may be.
'til we meet again let us hold the Mystery
of the Lord in you and me.**

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CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH CABINET meets tomorrow night in the fellowship hall at 7 PM. If you have business the Cabinet needs to discuss, contact Pastor Hope or President Charles Kemp.

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 12 and 13.

FOR CONNECTION

ILLINOIS UCC CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING: Will be held online during parts of Oct 19-22. Everyone is welcome as we explore the theme of "Reconnect: Finding a Way Forward in a Post-Pandemic World" but pre-registration is necessary. Find more information at <http://ilucc.org/2022-annual-celebration/> and talk to Pastor Hope if you'd like to attend.

PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT: Thursday, October 27th, 6:00-7:30PM. Come enjoy pumpkin carving with your church friends! Let Pastor Hope or Jean Valsa know by Sunday, October 23rd, how many from your family plan to attend, so we can provide pumpkins. We won't be providing a meal, so families can either eat before they come or bring their own dinner to eat in the fellowship hall.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on October 30. 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 Pastor Hope no later than Wednesday, Oct. 26.

FOR SERVICE

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS: We plan to have fellowship snacks on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Sign up on the schedule in the lounge if you can host. A SIMPLE snack is all that's needed, and coffee-making tutorials are available.

COIN CHALLENGE 2022!

Remember our coin challenge? We're ready to collect again! I bet there's change in your couch, cars, and jars from that awful year of 2020 we all stayed home! Now is the time to dig it out and turn it in to raise funds for the church. We hope everyone is still competitive and wants their fellow pew mates to win this competition! (Sweet treat involved.) The fundraiser will run until almost Thanksgiving!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: 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're homebound and have change, we can come get it (P.S. This will probably be Mike K...)

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).

Coin machines at Jewel and Walmart charge an 11.9% service fee and most banks have eliminated their coin machines. So this is a great opportunity to get rid of your change with no fee, and it's for a great cause!

Of course, all money collected is for the good of the church; we hope you have some fun supporting our ongoing mission!

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHER: We know it is time to update the church directory and we want to include photos. We hope to create this new photo directory ourselves, and we could use someone to serve as our primary photographer. If that someone might be you, talk to Pastor Hope.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING is an annual special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds is used to support justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Support this valuable work by marking your check or offering envelope with the words “Neighbors in Need.”

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS From Pakistan to Puerto Rico to Kentucky to Florida, many parts of the world have seen terrible natural disasters recently. The Disaster Ministries of the UCC are always ready to respond. You can support them by marking your check or offering envelope with “UCC Disaster Ministries.”

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? Jewel pays us 4% of every gift card purchased through this fundraiser; Meijer pays 3%. Most of the McHenry restaurant chains pay us 8%! Home Depot, Ace, and Kohls are 4%. If you are spending money at these places, why not pay up front, get a gift card, and help out the church. **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!

TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!

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

What is it?

We, and our friends, and other people from the community who like trivia, form teams and as teams, we answer 3 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!

The family of Mike & Donna Anderson will be back to 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 that you spend goes to church!

How do we sign up?

Registration forms are available soon. If you have questions ask Mike or Donna Anderson, Dawn Conley, Kathy Speaker, or Pastor Hope.

How can we 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.

Another option is to donate a favorite candle or your favorite winter treat that makes you feel warm and cozy for a "Winter Wonderland"

basket put together and donated by our church family. 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!

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Our Mission Ministry is again having a Butter Braid fundraiser to earn money for our area missions. These pastries are tasty and easy to make! Bake them up for your family for a great treat, or bake them for that potluck or meeting, or give them as a gift to your busy friends. The pastries come in: Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls, and Cinnamon Rolls. They cost \$14 each and are great for the holidays. They come frozen so all you have to do is remove the Butter Braid from the package, thaw, rise, and bake. We will take orders Sunday, October 16th and through Sunday, October 30th. Don't forget to let your family and friends know about this delicious opportunity. Delivery is Tuesday, November 8th from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Your support is greatly appreciated.

- The Wider Missions Team

WORSHIP LEADERS

TODAY

Liturgist	Elise Livingston
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs
Fellowship Hosts	Theresa Kamen
Sunday School	Jean Valsa

Oct 16

Liturgist	Kathy Speaker
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Mike Kennedy

Oct 23

Liturgist	Mike Kennedy
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Fellowship Hosts	Dawn Conley & Mike Kennedy
Sunday School	Jean Valsa

Oct 30

Liturgist	Cheryl Heber
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Mike Kennedy

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. Our "community spread" is currently rated as low by CDC guidelines. Pastor Hope watches COVID statistics at https://covidactnow.org/us/illinois-il/county/mc_henry_county

PRAYERS for the Week of October 9, 2022

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

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

JOYS: Birthdays: Jake Blanton (Oct 9), Yvonne Kemp (Oct 13), Dave Heber (Oct 14)

The engagement of Pastor Kathy's granddaughter

OUR SYMPATHIES to Yvonne Kemp's family on the sudden death of her relative, Joshua Gibson

PRAYERS FOR:

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

Those grieving, including Nicki Carter's mother

Alaina's Aunt Jane

Speedy healing for Ruth

Trevor and Thatcher Guillfoyle, stationed in FL with the U.S. Navy

Aaron, the son of our visitor, Cheryl

Linda Swenson

Ode and Mary Ann's sister-in-law, Leslyn

Church friends who can't be with us in-person

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 Sandy and Carl Radebaugh.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ: St. John United Church of Christ in Naperville and their pastor, The Rev. Matt Mimplitz.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities: Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and
 later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from

Tune: ST DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts'

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989