

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 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 Molozaiy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG

"All Creation"

Verse 1

**We come to You with a heart of thanks, for Your love
To be a living sacrifice brought with love.
We come to You with a heart of thanks, for Your love
An offering of all we are brought with love.**

Chorus

**All creation looks to You
all provision comes from You
In ev'ry sunrise hope shines through
for Your mercy we thank You**

Verse 2

**We come to You with a song of praise, for Your love
The music of our soul's delight brought with love.
We come to You with a song of praise, for Your love
Sounds of joy and gratefulness brought with love.**

Repeat Chorus

Tag: **We thank You, we thank You**

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER George Zimmermann

One: Here, in this place,

God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:
here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

**All: Here, in this time,
we can remember all the ways God has graced us:
here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is
with us, always!**

One: Here are gathered those daring enough
to step out of comfort into the unknown:
here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out,
'God, save us!' in every situation.

Let us pray:

God of mercy and justice, in our worship we ask

All: for a moment of quiet in our lives of busyness;

One: for energy in our weariness;

All: for challenge when we are willing to settle;

One: for the peace of your presence and the urgency of being called
to your work.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, into each of our lives and make us lively.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, into our church, so we can love you by
serving your world.

**All: We pray through the One who first loved us,
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN

“Sing Praise to God”

#22, verses 1 & 2

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHANCEL STEPS

SONG RESPONSE “Dream God’s Dream”

**Dream God’s Dream! Holy Spirit, help us dream
of a world where there is justice and where everyone is free
to build and grow and love
and to simply have enough, the world will change
when we dream God’s Dream.**

Bryan Sirchio, www.sirchio.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 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...

When he summoned famine against the land and cut off every supply of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who had been sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, to instruct his officials at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom... Praise the LORD!

Genesis 37:3-8, 17-22, 26-34

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words...

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Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?" Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

“Give Up Your Anxious Pains”

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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

“Sing Praise to God”

#22, 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.

(Bryan Sirchio Used with permission. Crosswinds Music, Madison WI)

Call to worship, by, by Thom Shuman at his Lectionary Liturgies blog for Aug 7, 2011. Opening prayer from 8/14/11 bulletin. Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING

Sunday School begins today! We encourage all children from kindergarten to 6th grade to join in.

Bibles will be presented to some of our church children on September 18.

Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 20.

FOR SERVICE

CHURCH CABINET MEETS NEXT Monday, September 19, at 7PM in the church fellowship hall.

RICHMOND CELEBRATES 150 YEARS! Next weekend, September 16-18. Our church will be a stop along the guided historic town tour as well as the self-guided tour. We're looking for a few volunteers to be at the building to welcome visitors on Saturday from 10:00 to noon and Sunday from 11:00-1:00. Talk to Pastor Hope if you're interested!

HELPING THE CHURCH AT NO COST TO YOU: A note from your church treasurer! 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? What about those restaurants right down the road in McHenry? Jewel pays us 4% of every gift card purchased through this fundraiser; Meijer pays 3% and Starbucks pays 4.5%. Most of the McHenry restaurant chains pay us 8%! Home Depot, Ace, and Kohls are 4%. If you are spending the money at these places, why not pay up front, get a gift card, and help out the church. It just takes a little preplanning on your part, but no extra money!

For a challenge—Can you purchase at least \$100 of gift cards through the church in September! 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!

FOR CONNECTION

FALL FELLOWSHIP FUN:

Everyone is invited to Richardson's Adventure Farm on Sunday, Today, from 1-6 PM.

BYOE (*everything*: lunch, drinks, snacks, camp chairs) or purchase Richardson's delicious delights. We will have a couple of picnic tables at our campfire site. Rob and Carol have graciously waived our entrance fee; goodwill donations to church are always welcome. Text or call Dawn Conley at 815-236-5982 if you're coming.

BUNCO NIGHT is the next fellowship event, coming on Friday, October 7, from 7-10 PM in the church fellowship hall. Bring your friends for an evening of energetic fun! Bunco is an easy to learn dice game, and Nicki Carter will be on-hand to teach all newcomers. The cost will be \$14/person and will be divided out for cash prizes to the winners. (And if anyone wants to donate some of their winnings to the church, that would be wonderful!) Children who are comfortable moving away from their parents and keeping their score tally are welcome as well. Any other questions, or to sign-up, contact Dawn Conley at 815-236-5982 or conley8405@gmail.com.

THE CHOIR will begin singing September 25, with plans to sing in worship a couple times a month through Christmas. If you are interested in singing with the choir, Kim May would love to have you join!

SPRING GROVE STORYTELLING FESTIVAL is coming to Spring Grove Park on Saturday, Oct 1. Pastor Hope will be attending and would love for you to come too. Our faith is handed onto us by stories – the ancient ones of scripture and the ordinary sacred ones of our own lives. Though the storytelling festival is not religious in its focus, Pastor has no doubt that attending this event will be good for your heart and soul – and might even help you think about your own sacred stories a little differently. Find details of the event at <https://www.springgrovestorytelling.org/>

WORSHIP LEADERS

TODAY

Liturgist	George Zimmermann
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs
Fellowship Host	Penny Kraft
Sunday School	Gail Crutcher

Sept 18

Liturgist	Ronnie Obara
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Gail Crutcher

Sept 25

Liturgist	Jean Valsa
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Fellowship Hosts	
Sunday School	Gail Crutcher

Oct 2

Liturgist	
Video Director	
Communion Preparations	
Greeter/Usher	

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 September 11, 2022

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: Cheryl Kazimier (Sept 12)

PRAYERS FOR:

Those living with homelessness in our area

Bill Hasse

Those affected by floods and fires

Linda Swenson

Nicki Carter's aunt, Joan Groenwald née Herzog

Ongoing Prayers:

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca

Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys

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 Elise Livingston and George Zimmermann.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ: Community Protestant Church in Mundelein and their pastor, The Rev. Alex Molozaiy.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing

Facilities: Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

On this 21st anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with the use of domestic flights, we remember the thousands of people who lost their lives in those attacks and in the years of military conflict that followed. We pray for peace upon all their loved ones who grieve them and the communities so deeply hurt. We give thanks for the thousands of public servants who saved lives, cleared debris, and comforted many. May God use our memories of that day for good in days to come.

GOD

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Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1991

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - jice — or - gan and
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 cour - age and bless - us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice — join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion,
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us,
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his poetic hymn texts, which were published along

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8 Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1661 Adapt. and harm. William C. Beatty, 1988

Give Up Your Anxious Pains

Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1994

1 Give up your anx - ious pains, con - fu - sion, and re - morse,
 2 All things con - form to please the faith - ful when they pray,
 3 "Don't let us be dis - mayed by griev - ous so - cial wrong;

To God, who set and still main - tains cre - a - tion's com - plex course.
 So fall up - on your trust - ing knees and all to - geth - er say:
 Re - spon - sive, ac - tive, un - a - fraid, may we be brave and strong.

God leads what may ap - pear cha - o - tic, ran - dom, wild: So
 "O faith - ful God of grace who rules the rag - ing storm, En -
 Ex - tend your lov - ing care through all our live - long days; And

God has planned and will make clear a path for you, dear child.
 light - en our poor mor - tal race; your prom - ised works per - form."
 when we die, bring us to where bright an - gels sing your praise."

Each word of Martin Luther's German translation of Psalm 125 provided a beginning word for Paul Gerhardt's twelve-stanza hymn of comfort. While traveling to America, John Wesley heard Moravian slaves sing this hymn, he later translated it.

Tune: ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

J. S.