

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

**Our Church at Worship on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2024 10:00 A.M.**

***Our Mission: To be an inviting, caring faith community
connecting with Christ.***

Welcome, visitors!

Join us after worship for coffee and conversation in the lounge, the room
right next to the sanctuary.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaïy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG “Go, Go, Go with Us”

from our 2024 Vacation Bible School

CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kathy Karch

One: Each thing we have received –

All: from God it came.

One: Each thing we enjoy –

All: from God it comes.

One: Each thing we will pray for –

All: from God it will be given.

One: Out of the fullness of all God has given us

All: we come to worship and to praise.

One: Let us pray:

**All: O God, as a morning meal, give us,
the nourishment of your Word
to benefit our bodies, our minds,
our souls, our faith.**

One: Open us to the beauty of the earth
so that we may become its servants.

**All: Open us to the storehouse of your grace,
and we will be made new for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

SONG

“Trust and Follow”

from our 2024 Vacation Bible School

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

WORD FOR ALL AGES

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

SONG RESPONSE “We Give Our Hands”

**We give our hands to you, we give our hands to you,
We give our hands to you, because you reached for us.
We give our feet to you, we give our feet to you,
We give our feet to you, because you walk with us.**

Words by Daisy Nshakazongwe, translated to English by Andrew Donaldson. Music is traditional Botswana tune. Song from Seasons of the Spirit Songbook.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Prophet Isaiah 5:8

Woe to those who join house to house,
who add field to field, until there is room for no one,
and you are left to live alone in the midst of the land!

Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-15 (CEB)

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. As it is written, *He scattered everywhere; he gave to the needy; his righteousness remains forever.*

The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry of this service to God’s people isn’t only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ’s gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. They will also pray for you, and they will care deeply for you because of the outstanding

grace that God has given to you. Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!

MESSAGE Enough is Enough: God Works from Abundance

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN "Take My Gifts"

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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

Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

**O God, forgive our fears that stifle our stewardship.
Forgive our giving in and giving up instead of giving
ourselves to Christ's mission of love.
Remind us that our hope is in standing and risking.
Help us to remember that the question is not really,
"How much will we give?"
but is instead, "How will we spend what we've been
given?"
May we spend it faithfully and cheerfully. Amen.**

*HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song "Eagle's 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.**

Call to worship and opening prayer, from A Wee Worship Book, 5th Incarnation, Wild Goose Publishing Resources, Morning Liturgy F. Dedication, Chalice Worship, #520. Music shared under CCLI #1908882

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Liturgist	Rev. Kathy Karch	<u>July 21</u>
Video Director	Nicki Carter	Nicki Carter
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs	
Fellowship Hosts	The Richardsons	The Tedders
Sunday School	The Kamans	

CHURCH NEWS

FOR SERVICE



**SUMMER
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every grown-up of the church is encouraged to sign up for just one Sunday of the summer and choose an activity they enjoy to do with the Sunday school children. Jean Valsa or Pastor Hope can help you shape your idea into a Sunday school plan.

We need about 4 more teachers to fill the summer Sundays!

The sign-up sheet is in the lounge. THANK YOU for your support!

RESTOCK THE PICKLE JARS! Jim Speaker is seeking donations of 8 ounce Mason-like jars for pickles. Also please let Jim know if you expect you will need more jars of pickles this year for yourself or friends. Pickles usually are available late July or early August so you can purchase before the Beef Roast, but Jim needs to plan to have enough for the day of the Beef Roast. That day is **August 17** – Mark your calendars!

SUMMERTIME ALTAR FLOWERS

Many of you have beautiful blooms in your gardens during the summer. Please feel free to bring in a bouquet to share with the church. It would be helpful if you contacted Jonathan Kaman at 815-347-5035 to let him know when you would like to bring in your blooms.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, August 13, 3:30-7:30pm. Please plan to give.



**Thank you to all who made
Vacation Bible School Possible!**

Jean Valsa
Nicki Carter
Nick Heber
Alaina Valsa
Dayton Crutcher
Gail Crutcher
George Zimmermann
Aiden Zimmermann
Pastor Hope Molozaiy
Kathy Smietana
Karen Wootton
Annabelle Ortiz
Carol Richardson
Henry Molozaiy

Our neighbors at St. Peter U.C.C. in Lake Zurich and
Ivanhoe U.C.C. in Mundelein

SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!!

- Sunday, August 4
Beach Picnic at Richardson Lake
 - Swimming
 - Fishing
 - Lots of eating!



- Saturday, August 17
Annual Beef Roast
 - Come and Eat
 - Come and Help
 - Tell your Friends and Neighbors!



Following the Beef Roast, on Sunday, August 18, we'll enjoy outdoor worship with our annual backpack blessing. Later that same day, we're invited to George and Elise's home for a dessert and pool party.

More details to come soon about these
Community Church Summer Classics!

PASTOR HOPE and her family will be on vacation from July 18-25. Please contact Elise Livingston with any urgent needs.

Kathy Smietana is out of the office July 16-18.

UPDATES from Cabinet

The Church Cabinet met for a brief meeting on Zoom on Monday night. Here are a few highlights:

- We ended June with about \$33,000 in the general fund, and with just over \$100,000 in our total, non-endowment accounts. Also, at the halfway point through the year, we have received 56% of our pledged giving for the year. Almost everyone is current with their pledging, and we are thankful!
- The ministries of the church are busy doing what they do with Youth Education, Wider Missions, Worship & Spiritual Growth, and Evangelism all moving forward with summertime events and plans.
- Cabinet will meet again August 12 at 6:30.



WE ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate Evelyn Heber's Graduation!

Graduation Party / Open House for Evelyn Heber

Sunday, July 28th from 1 to 5 pm

Hebron Community Park

12314 Price Road, Hebron IL (corner of Price and Moraine roads)

PRAYERS for the WEEK OF July 14, 2024

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: Lee Swenson (7/15).

Thankful for the visits of grandchildren!

Thankful for opportunities to travel and for church camps.

Thankful for a fun and faithful week of Vacation Bible School!

PRAYERS FOR:

Our country during this election season

Margaret Molozaai

Annabelle Ortz

Nicki Carter

Mike Kennedy's mom

Mike Kennedy's daughter

Wider Church—IL Conference

Aiden Zimmermann

Illinois Conference of the UCC

Rev. Ruth Costello

Robert Richardson

Ongoing Prayers:

Mike Karch

Bill Haase

Henry Eickelberg

Louise Strah's niece, Amy Lenik

Rob Richardson's brother, Dale

Melissa Jones

Our Congregational Prayer Partner this week is Charles Kemp.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ at the Congregational Church of Batavia and their Pastor, the Rev. Paige Wolfanger.

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

Take My Gifts

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,

now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.

Colin Gibson, 1991

Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grimway; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, has served several churches in Connecticut. He wrote this text for a competition of The Hymn Society, and it was subsequently published in Ten New Stewardship Hymns in 1961.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL