

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 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 "I Woke Up This Morning"

Verse 1: **I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus**

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Chorus: **Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah**

Verse 2: **Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus**

(repeat twice)

Repeat Chorus

CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER

Ron Obara

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.**

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. Afterwards, they can remain with their families for 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.
Traditional Botswana tune. Seasons of the Spirit Songbook.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

MESSAGE Enough is Enough: How much is Enough?

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

“We are not Our Own”

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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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ’s table.

Leader: This table is for all people who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

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.

Remembering the Story

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Each tray of bread also holds gluten free crackers; we serve grape juice rather than wine so that all people may share in this meal. Please hold the bread and the juice until all are served so we all may partake together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (we say together)

**Almighty God,
we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence
in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal.
Unite us with all who are fed by Christ
that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love
and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope
in an uncertain world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*HYMN

"Sheaves of Summer"

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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

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>July 14</u>
Liturgist	Ron Obara	Kathy Karch
Video Director	Nicki Carter	Nicki Carter
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs	
Fellowship Hosts	Nicki Carter	The Richardsons
Sunday School	N/A	The Kamans

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

- VBS! Monday thru Thursday this week, 9:30am – Noon
- Cabinet meets Monday night, 6:30, on Zoom
- Men's Breakfast Club, Saturday, 8:00am

CHURCH NEWS

FOR SERVICE



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 love for people who don't normally teach Sunday school during the program year to take a Sunday of

the summer!

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

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.

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!

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

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.

MISSIONS UPDATES

Feed My Starving Children:

16 people from The Community Church were able to attend the meal packing event on Friday, June 28th. From 116 boxes of donated food, 25,056 meals were created. This means that 68 kids will now have at least one solid daily meal for a year. That is a huge impact.

5th Annual Operation Drop Box:

Operation Drop Box supports veterans and their families through Veteran’s Path to Hope in McHenry. This donation drive gathered 8,283 lbs. of supplies, which included food, hygiene and household products and gift cards. Again, what a great effort for these men and women who have served their country. Thank you for contributing to this worthy cause.





JULY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 V Camp Cabinet, 6:30 Zoom	9 B Fire	10 S Light	11 9:30- Noon 	12	13 Men's Breakfast Club 8:00am
14	15	16 Kathy out thru the 18th	17	18 Pastor Hope on vacation thru 7/25	19	20
21 Seeds of Renewal	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Baptism of Jordan Torres	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Picnic @ Richardson Lake	5	6	7	8	9	10

PRAYERS for the WEEK OF July 7, 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: Dayton Crutcher (7/8); Louise Strahs (7/10); Carol Slighting (7/12).

PRAYERS FOR:

Nicki Carter
Mike Kennedy's mom, Marlene
Mike Kennedy's daughter, Jessica
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 Partners this week are Ode and Mary Ann Keil.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ at Immanuel U.C.C. in Bartlett and their Interim Pastor, Rev. Catherine Erwin.

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in 1970, it became popular in many countries and can be found set to various tunes.

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4.
 Welsh traditional melody
 Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, Dublin, 1784
 Harm. L. O. Emerson, 1906
 For another harmonization, see 82

We Are Not Our Own

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Brian Wren, 1987

Unison

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing
2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and
3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly
4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.

5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us
on a way un-cer-tain and un-known,
All the saints with prayer sur-round us:
we are not a-lone.

6 Let us be a house of wel-come,
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors
we are not our own!

This hymn was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Liturgical Studies Program of Drew University, New Jersey, in 1987. Brian Wren's melody came to him early on in the writing process and was helpful in the creation of the final hymn text.

Tune: YARNTON 8.9.8.5.
Brian Wren, 1987
Arr. Fred Graham, 1987

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Una Espiga (Sheaves of Summer)

*Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1973; alt.
Transl. George Lockwood, 1989*

A D A E7 A

1 U - na - es - pi - ga do - ra - do por el sol, el ra -
 2 Com - par - ti - mos la mis - ma co - mu - ni - ón, so - mos
 1 Sheaves of sum - mer turned gold - en by the sun, grapes in
 2 We are shar - ing the same com - mu - ni - on meal; we are

A E7

ci - mo que cor - ta el vi - ña - dor, Com - par -
 tri - go del mis - mo sem - bra - dor, Un mo -
 bunch - es cut down when ripe and red, Are con -
 wheat by the same great Sow - er sown; Like a

D E7 A D A

ti - mos a - hor - ra en pan y vi - no de a - mor: que son
 li - no, la vi - da, nos tri - tu - ra con do - lor, Dios nos
 vert - ed in - to the bread and wine of God's love in the
 mill - stone life grinds us down with sor - row and pain, but God

Bm7 E7 A D/A A

cuer - po y san - gre del Se - ñor.
 ha - ce pue - blo nue - vo en el a - mor.
 bod - y and blood of our dear Lord.
 makes us new peo - ple bound by love.

3 Co-mo gra-nos que han
 he-cho el mis-mo pan,
 co-mo no-tas que te-jen un can-tar,
 Co-mo go-tas de a-gua que se
 fun-den en el mar,
 los cris-tia-nos un cuer-po
 for-ma-rán.

3 Like the grains which be-come
 one same whole loaf,
 like the notes that are wo-ven in-to song,
 Like the drop-lets of wa-ter
 that are blend-ed in the sea,
 we, as Chris-tians, one bod-y
 shall be-come.

4 A la me-sa de Dios se
 sen-ta-rán,
 co-mo j-gle-sia su pan
 com-par-ti-rán,
 U-na mis-ma es-pe-ran-za
 ca-mi-nan-do can-ta-rán,
 en la vi-da her-ma-na-dos
 se a-ma-rán.

4 At God's ta-ble to-geth-er
 we shall sit.
 As God's chil-dren, Christ's
 bod-y we will share.
 One same hope we will sing
 to-geth-er as we walk a-long.
 Broth-ers, sis-ters, in life,
 in love, we'll be.

Author and composer of a number of Spanish hymns that have gained widespread popularity in the late twentieth century, Cesáreo Gabaraín was a parish priest who received postgraduate degrees in theology, journalism, and musicology from the University of Madrid.

Tune: UNA ESPIGA Irr.
 Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1973
 Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987