

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond

United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

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.

Yes, the chancel looks a little different today. Throughout the season of Lent, we will be putting away different elements of our worship space. It is a symbolic way of thinning out concerns that might distract us from Jesus and of considering what is necessary and what is extra.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaaiy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG "As the Deer"

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.**

**You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

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WORDS OF PRAISE

George Zimmermann

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn;
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: Great is your name,
Great is your love.**

One: For you the valleys will sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**All: Great is your name,
Great is your love.**

One: To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy:

**All: Great is your name,
Great is your love.**

One: Your love and justice shall last for ever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**All: Great is your name,
Great is your love.**

TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither
are your ways our ways.
You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred, the
wings of an angel.

**People: We scan the finest of our neighbors,
eager to find the flaw.**

Leader: You view time in the context of eternity, and so you find
a place for waiting, for yearning, even for suffering, even
for dying.

**People: We demand instant results, and look for tomorrow
before savoring today.**

Leader: You know that only the one who suffers can ultimately
save, that is why you walk the way of the cross.

**People: We are afraid to look vulnerable and weak, so we cry
out for your crucifixion.**

Leader: Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

People: Neither are your ways our ways.

Leader: And yet we know that your way is the ladder to heaven,
while, left to our own devices, our ways slope downwards
toward hell. But we are here, not to have our worst
confirmed, but to have our best set free. So we ask:

**People: Forgive in us what has gone wrong,
repair in us what is wasted,
reveal in us what is good.**

Leader: And nourish us with better food than we could ever purchase: your word, your love, your inspiration, your daily bread for our life's journey, in the company of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Quiet Moment

Promise of Forgiveness

HYMN "Beautiful Savior"

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THE CHANCEL STEPS

The children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church at this time. Afterwards, children are encouraged to remain with their families for worship. Our staffed nursery is available for our youngest worshippers.

Song Response "God is so Good"

**God is so good, God is so good,
God is good, God's so good to me.**

THE OFFERING

Rather than pass the offering plates, they are available at the front and back of the sanctuary before and after worship. You may also give online at www.richmonducc.org/donate-now

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

**Living God, as we mark these Lenten days,
may we be mindful of belonging to you,
and of being called to love one another
by sharing the gifts you've given us.**

Bless what we give, so it serves the world you love. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel according to John 11:45-12:11

MESSAGE Oh, How I Love Jesus

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

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: We joyfully give our 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.**

Words of Remembrance

Sharing the Bread and the 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 cup until everyone is served so that
we may all partake together.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 as one,
we may 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.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

One: From where we are to where you need us,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: From the familiarity of what we know
to the wonder of what you will reveal,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: To transform the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Sending Song "Eagles' Wings"

**And God will raise you up on eagles' 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, A Wee Worship Book, 5th Incarnation Wild Good Resource Group, 2015, p. 19;
confession, Stages on the Way: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Iona
Community, Wild Goose Worship Group, 2000, p. 23; Prayer of thanksgiving, UCC Book
of Worship, order for word & sacrament I. Music shared under CCLI License #1908882

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

TODAY

Liturgist
Video Director
Greeter
Usher
Fellowship Hosts
Sunday School
Communion Prep

George Zimmermann
Nicki Carter
Elise Livingston
George/Charles
Cheryl Heber
n/a
Jonathan Kaman

March 8

Youth Liturgists

Cheryl Kazimier
George/Charles
Cheryl Kazimier
Jean/Elise

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 10:30am Bible study on Zoom
Wednesday, 6pm Soup Supper & discussion
7pm Choir practice
Thursday, 6:30pm Knitting & Crafting Group
Next Sunday Daylight Saving Time starts: Spring Forward!

CHURCH NEWS

SAVE THESE DATES for, including:

March 29, after worship, Palm Sunday Egg Dying for All Ages

April 5, Easter Sunday

April 12, Annual Spring Tea Fundraiser at Richardson Event Room

April 18, Spring Cleaning Day

April 25, Women's Fellowship Brunch and Craft at Church

May 9, Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser

June 16-19, Vacation Bible School

FOR CONNECTION

LENTEN GATHERINGS

Throughout Lent, we'll meet on Wednesday evenings for soup suppers and conversations about faith. This year we're thinking about "Jesus Revealed" – how Jesus' own words about himself can help us understand him and ourselves. We'll start those meals at 6:00 and finish at 7:00. Elise Livingston is coordinating our donations so please touch base with her if you'd like to bring something for supper.

This week: Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep" and "I am the good shepherd." How can we live as "good sheep"?

Also, the UCC church in Genoa City hosts community Lenten lunches. Every Wednesday, February 18 through March 1, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in their basement Fellowship Hall, NO COST. Pastor Hope likes to go, so if you plan to attend, see if she can join you!

EXODUS WORLD SERVICE CELEBRATION OF HOPE DINNER

Everyone of the church is encouraged to join the Wider Missions team at the Celebration of Hope to celebrate and benefit Exodus World Service on Thursday, April 16th. It will be at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. We will plan to carpool, so don't worry about driving. The dinner is complimentary, but they do receive a collection at the end of the evening for any contribution you'd like to make. It's always a lovely evening, and you will learn so much about Exodus and the families we serve through them. We look forward to a fun, informative evening! If you are interested, contact Carol Richardson by April 1ST at robandcarol@richardsonfarm.com

MEN SING SUNDAY

March 22nd – yes, it's a fourth Sunday again instead of fifth! All the men of the church are encouraged to come to the building AT 9:20 and rehearse a familiar hymn with Kim, then share it as part of worship that day.

MAKE AMAZING FAMILY MEMORIES THIS SUMMER

Registration is open now for Making Memories Family Church Camp, July 7-9, at Pilgrim Park Camp near Princeton, IL. An intergenerational camp for grandparents and grandkids, parents and children, aunts & uncles with nephews & nieces, or any combination you can think of! ALL are welcome to these days of creek-walking, campfires, and great camp fun away together. First participant is \$255 to register and each additional participant from the same family is \$135. Molozaizys and Livingston/Zimmermanns have attended in the past, and George and his grandkids plan to be back there again this summer! Talk to him or Pastor Hope if you're interested!

FOR SERVICE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that we will receive from today through March 22. OGHS supports partners around the world with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural developments, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and supports both international and domestic disaster response. Please give as you are able using the specially marked envelopes or by designating your check/envelope with "OGHS" in the memo line.

EASTER WORSHIP FLOWERS – Order yours now! Details at the back of this bulletin.

DONATE RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE SPRING TEA

The tea is coming! The tea is coming! April 12! Part of that event is the “Pamper Yourself” Silent Auction, which Dawn Conley coordinates. You can put together your own basket of goodies to donate; you can buy things for an idea you might have, and let Dawn put the basket together or you can donate money and Dawn will make the basket, start to finish!

Keep in mind that some employers offer perks that you may take advantage of and donate to this cause. For instance, Dawn’s employer offers Milwaukee Zoo tickets to employees and that's why you see them every year. Or do you have season tickets, membership, or a subscription to something great around Chicagoland? For example: a sports team event, a Ravinia show, or a timeshare slot? Those help us make great money!

Finally, if you have baskets from previous years that you could bring back for Dawn to re-use, please put them in the lounge. If you need a basket, we have some available at the base of stairs near the elevator.

If you have an idea that you’re not sure how to bring to reality, talk to Dawn; she loves the creative challenge!

FOR LEARNING

THE PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am on Zoom, to discuss the sermon text for the coming Sunday. This week we’re discussing John 13:1-17. Newcomers are always welcome! If you need help with Zoom or have other questions, talk with Pastor Hope. Our meeting ID is 897 4150 1804 with Passcode 061142 or use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89741501804?pwd=7LGlzc5huiQXYdKcq4r8w4EaxUavOw.1>

13th Annual
Hats & Frills Enchanted
Spring Tea
Sunday April 12, 2026, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Richardson's Adventure Farm Event Barn
909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove, IL

Tea Luncheon
by **Hazel's Catering**
a unique combination of
comfort style farm food
meets French patisserie.



To benefit the
mission and
ministry of The
Community Church
of Richmond, UCC

Entertainment featuring
music by:

The Internationals,
a violin-piano duo,
and by

On the Spot, acapella
women's ensemble from
Riverport Chorus

Pamper Yourself
Silent Auction
with fun and beautiful
items

Cost: \$75.00 per adult
\$45.00 per child
(ages 6 to 12)

includes
Wine, Lemonade and
Charcuterie,
Tea Luncheon
& Full Tea Service

Tickets on sale thru
Sunday, April 5th


Credit cards accepted
online and at the door

For tickets or information, text or call Karen at 815.271.0056
Or to order online and find more details, scan this QR code or go
to: www.richmonducc.org/spring-tea.html



PRAYERS for the week of March 1, 2026

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

JOYS: Birthdays: Jim Kraft (3/4)

We delight in the power of the Olympics, especially the skills and sportsmanship of the athletes.

PRAYERS FOR:

Jonathan Kaman's relative, Terri

The Kamans' neighbor's father, Edward

Marti's friend, Henry Eickelberg

Dawn Conley

Nicki's friend, Joe

Communities under stress due to ICE presence and other actions

Linda Swenson

Deann Workmon

Cheryl K's friend, Kevin Myers

Mike Anderson

Kim's daughter, Olivia

Ongoing Prayers

George's brother, Kurt

Church friend, Tom Harris

Kim's friend, Darin

All people living with increased anxiety

Pastor Ruth Costello

Valsa family's young friend, Levi Johnson

Louise Strahs

For peace around the world

Penny Kraft's friend, Gail

Louise Strah's niece, Amy

Please hold in prayer: this week's Congregational Prayer

Partners, Charles Kemp;

this week's Wider Church Prayer Partners, our neighbors in Christ at Edgebrook Community UCC in Chicago, and their pastor, The Rev. Dr. Scott Paeth.

Easter Flower Orders

March 1 – March 22, 2026

We are now taking orders for Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips to decorate our sanctuary on Easter. The Chancel Ministry thanks you for providing these beautiful altar flowers. The cost for each plant is **\$20.00**.

Please indicate below the quantity of plants you wish to order.

You can give completed order forms and payment (make checks out to the Community Church of Richmond) to Carol Slighting or leave them in the basket at the front of sanctuary. Carol can also be reached via email: slighting@sbcglobal.net or by cell: 847-764-8016.

Orders must be received by March 22nd

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Lilies? _____

Daffodils? _____

Tulips? _____

Hyacinths? _____

Total cost: _____

Cash _____ OR Check _____

I would like to dedicate this plant to the Glory of God.

I would like to dedicate this plant in Memory of:

I would like to dedicate this plant in Thankfulness for:

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 AM Worship	2	3 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study	4 6PM Soup Supper and Discussion **Choir practice follows	5 6:30PM Knitting & crafting group	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Starts 10 AM Worship	9 6:30pm Cabinet Mtg on Zoom	10	11 6PM Soup Supper and Discussion **Choir practice follows	12 Noon – McHenry Co Faith Leaders lunch	13	14 8AM Men's Breakfast Club
15 10AM Worship Followed by Pastor's Press Conference	16	17 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study	18 6PM Soup Supper and Discussion **Choir practice follows	19	20	21 Outside group building use
22 10AM Worship w/ Men's Chorus <i>Easter flower orders due</i>	23	24 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study	25 6PM Soup Supper and Discussion **Choir practice follows	26	27 <i>Have you ordered your tickets for the Spring Tea?? Do it today!</i>	28
29 10AM Palm Sunday Worship 11:15 Super Fellowship & Egg Dying	30	31	APRIL 1 7pm Choir Practice	2 Maundy Thursday 6pm Potluck Supper 7pm Worship	3 Good Friday 4-6pm Open prayers in the sanctuary	4 <i>Ticket sales end tomorrow for the Spring Tea</i>

EASTER is APRIL 5.

Beautiful Jesus

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
 2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
 3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
 4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance

God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
 all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
 stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish

praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
 Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - joice and bloom.
 Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.
 beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.

This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
Silesian folk melody
 Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850

There Is a Name I Love to Hear

(O How I Love Jesus)

Frederick Whitfield, 1855; alt.

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2 It tells my Sav - ior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;
 3 It bids me serve a - mid the wrath God's peo - ple face each day,

It sounds like mu - sic to my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.
 What - ev - er prob - lems may be - fall, we'll live in dig - ni - ty.
 And sheds a - long life's trou - bled path bright sun - shine on my way.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, whose love has first found me.

Frederick Whitfield was ordained in the Church of England and served several English parishes. This hymn is a combination of Whitfield's stanzas and a refrain by an unknown author, both set to an existing nineteenth-century tune. The text was published in a leaflet in 1855.

Tune: O HOW I LOVE JESUS C.M. with refrain
 United States, 19th century

Somos pueblo que camina

(We Are People on a Journey)

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"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century; alt.
English version, Carolyn Jennings, 1993

John 6:32-35

1 So-mos pue-blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.
 2 Los hu - mil-des y los po - bres in - vi - ta - dos son de Dios.
 1 We are peo-ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
 2 God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum-ble and the poor.

Estrillo (Refrain)

A - cu - da-mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - ón.
 Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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| 3 Es-te pan que Dios nos brin-da
a-li-men-ta nues-tra u-ni-ón. (<i>Estrillo</i>) | 3 This is bread that God pro-vides us,
nour-ish-ing our u-ni-ty. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 4 Cris-to a-quí se ha-ce pre-sen-te;
al reu-nir-nos es su a-mor. (<i>Estrillo</i>) | 4 Christ is ev-er pres-ent with us
to u-nite us all in love. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 5 Los se-dien-tos de jus-ti-cia
bus-can su li-be-ra-ci-ón. (<i>Estrillo</i>) | 5 All who tru-ly thirst for jus-tice
seek their lib-er-a-tion here. (<i>Refrain</i>) |

The "Misa Popular Nicaragüense," in which this hymn appeared, was composed for the Eucharist liturgy by members of the "comunidades de base"—a group of laypersons who organized to deal with issues in the Latin American church and community.

Tune: SOMOS PUEBLO 8.7. with refrain (8.7.)
"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century