

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond

United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 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

Pastor Hope Molozaizy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG “Here in This Place”

Holy One may Your presence here open our minds.

May Your Spirit among us help us to find

You are rising up now like a fountain of grace

from the holy ground

Here in this place. Here in this place.

Repeat

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CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Mike Kennedy

One: On this new day, you call us:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are here.

One: Young, old, or in-between, you call us:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are here.

One: Working, retired, at school, or at home, you call us:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are here.

One: Joyful, or sorrowing, rested or restless, you call us:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are here.

One: Carefree, or full of care, you call us:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are here.

One: In all our diversity, and in our unity, you call us:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are here. Speak, Lord, for we are listening.

One: On this new day, gathered as God’s people:

let us listen, for God is still speaking;

come, let us worship God!

One: Let us pray.
Lord, in the stillness, you whisper words of stirring.
In the turmoil, you whisper words of calm.
In every time and place, your voice is present
whispering what we need to hear.

**All: In this place, O Lord,
may we hear your word for us.**

One: We gather,
with lots of different thoughts and feelings,
distracted by many things;

**All: draw us back to you, O Lord,
so that our worship
may help us refocus our eyes on your glory
and our ears on your word.**

One: You accept our messiness.
You contain our fickleness
and you love us into your kingdom.

**All: We confess our attempts to escape your reach,
to disregard your leading.**

One: Keep on speaking, Lord, until we hear and obey.

All: Amen.

HYMN

“Be Now My Vision”

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

WORD FOR ALL AGES

*The children are invited to 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 “The Spirit in Me”

**The spirit in me greets the spirit in you, Al-le-lu-ia.
God’s in us and we’re in God, Al-le-lu-ia.**

SCRIPTURE READING

First Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where

the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

MESSAGE Having Words with God: When the Word of God is Rare

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

HYMN

"God, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

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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)

In response to your call, O God, we bring what we have.

In response to your leading, O God, we go where you take us.

In response to your love, O God, we live to follow you. Amen.

*HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

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NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song

“Lord, Make Me More Holy”

Lord, make me more holy. Lord, make me more holy.

Lord, make me more holy until we meet again.

Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

TODAY

October 27

Liturgist

Mike Kennedy

Cheryl Heber

Video Director

Nicki Carter

Usher

Dick Strahs

Greeter

Ron Obara

Cheryl Kazimier

Fellowship Hosts

Nicki Carter

Lydia Blanton

Sunday School

Adam & Katie T.

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CHURCH NEWS

FOR SERVICE:

BE A MOVIE DIRECTOR! Or at least help run our Sunday video livestream. If you have a Facebook account, you just might be qualified to join our tech team, which is currently Ron Obara and Aidan Zimmermann, who are to looking to add a couple more volunteers to that easy Sunday morning work.

HURRICANE APPEAL: As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to the Hurricane Recovery Appeal of the United Church of Christ. You may clearly mark your giving envelope “Hurricane relief” and leave it in the offering plate, or donate directly online at <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The annual Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used to fund local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of Neighbors in Need supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM as are the more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Please clearly mark your check or giving envelope with “Neighbors in Need” or use one of the special envelopes available.

BUTTER BRAID FUND-RAISER

Wider Missions will sell Butter Braids, Sunday, October 27th through Sunday, November 11th. The pastries come in Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Carmel Rolls, and Cinnamon Rolls. They cost \$16 each and are great for the holidays. Delivery is Tuesday, November 19th from 4:30 – 5:00 PM. Don’t forget to let your family and friends know about this delicious opportunity. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like your own online order site for family and friends to easily place their orders with payments, please let Karen Wootton know.

FOR CONNECTION:

PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT: Thursday, October 24th, 6:00-7:30PM. Come enjoy pumpkin carving with your church friends! Sign up in the lounge by TODAY so we can provide pumpkins for everyone. 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 DAY

We will recognize All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3rd during the worship service. In addition to remembering church members, we also remember family members and close friends that have passed during this last year. If you would like someone's name to be listed, please email Kathy at office@richmonducc.org no later than October 30.

UPDATES FROM CABINET

The Church Cabinet met on Monday night; here are a few highlights from our discussion:

1. We ended September with about \$17,000 in the general fund and about \$24,000 in the operating fund, which includes benevolence, scholarship, and the general fund. In addition, we have about \$70,000 in our other non-endowment funds. We are drawing from those funds somewhat regularly this year.
 2. Discussion about Trivia Night plans, trying to improve on some aspects from last year. We need some new folks to attend this year as a number of our "regulars" will be out of town or otherwise unavailable.
 3. Discussion of needed building repairs and funds we might use for them. The Nursery restroom hasn't worked for 2 years; we'll be getting a new estimate for that work. The furnace for the lounge hasn't worked for a year; we'll be trying to get that room warmed this year. The railings outside the sanctuary entrances need attention; that might wait until spring. Endowment and special gifts might be available to help with these projects.
- Next Cabinet meeting will be Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30pm on Zoom.

Trivia Night Returns!

Saturday, November 9, Doors open at 6PM,
First Question is at 7PM
at the **Richardson Adventure Farm Event Room**

Form your team (up to 8 people) and as a team answer 4 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!

How can you 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.

*Registration forms will be available soon.

Donate something for the silent auction. See below for details

Bring your checkbook or plenty of cash, so you can bid big at the silent auction!

Silent Auction

Dawn Conley puts together baskets for the Trivia Night Silent Auction. If you have empty baskets from previous years, we could repurpose those again or you can donate empty baskets of your own or from the thrift stores.

You can put together a themed basket of your own making, or donate a single, new item or gift card (purchased through Penny!) and Dawn will assemble the basket. Any new items that might make a treasure for someone are welcome! Let Dawn know what you plan to donate; call, text, or email her at 815-236-5982 or conley8405@gmail.com. The deadline for baskets is Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024.

PRAYERS for the WEEK OF October 20, 2024

JOYS: Birthdays: Henry Molozaiy (10/21) and Rev. Kathy Karch (10/25).

Sympathies to Penny and Jim Kraft on the loss of their friend, Jeff Sorensen, and prayers for Jeff's family. Sympathies also on the loss of Penny's aunt and godmother, Wanda Bernhardt.

PRAYERS FOR:

Joshua Canady, son of Jennifer Canady who cleans our building

Theresa Kaman's coworker's son, Travis

Cheryl Kazimier's brother-in-law, Robert Sciog

Margaret Molozaiy's teacher

Henry Eickelberg

Deann Workmon's grandchildren

Carol Sligting's daughter and family

Ongoing Israeli conflict

Jim and Kathy Speaker's friend, Gayle

Those impacted by current hurricanes, including George & Elise's daughter, Caroline, and her family

Jan Revelle

Ongoing Prayers:

George Zimmermann's sister, Cheryl Shepherd

Betty Waspi's son-in-law, Wayne Japp

Robert Richardson

Rev. Ruth Costello

Mike Karch

Bill Haase

Henry Eickelberg

Louise Strah's niece, Amy Lenik

Melissa Jones

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Lee and Linda Swenson.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ at First Congregational U.C.C. in Huntley and their Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Michael Smith.

Members and Friends who are Homebound: Betty Waspi

Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
*Traditional Irish melody
 Harm. David Evans, 1927*

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

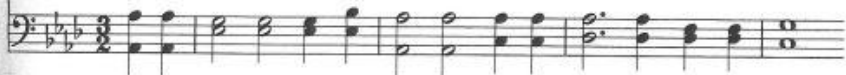
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu-mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal-i-le-an lake,
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea-sures we a-dore,
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say-ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav-ing all for Je-sus' sake.
From each i-dol that would keep us, say-ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Je-sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o-be-dience, serve and love you best of all.



Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW