

# Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond

## United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 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

Cheryl Heber

One: Gather to give thanks with your whole heart!

Rejoice in God’s love and faithfulness!

**All: We bow down, glad to meet in God’s holy temple.**

**We pour out our songs of praise.**

One: God answers us when we call;

our Creator increases our strength of soul.

**All: Great glory to God!**

**We rejoice in God’s steadfast love!**

One: Let us wait for God and hope in God’s Word.

Let us open our hearts to the Holy One in this place.

**All: Our ears are listening for the voice of God.**

**Our lives are open toward God’s direction.**

One: Let us pray.

Our souls wait for you, O God.

Let this time draw us together toward your purpose  
for our church and our own lives.

**All: Renew us so that nothing we face  
can move our trust in you or cause us to despair.**

One: We confess that we often act like we know better than you  
what is right for us.

We make decisions based more on our desires than on your  
commands.

**All: We go our own way and then blame others for our  
mistakes.**

**O God, we want to face our sin and find forgiveness.**

*Quiet moment*

One: Here is the good news: The one who raised Jesus from the  
dead will not forsake us to our sins. We are forgiven! We are  
loved; we are valued; we have the power to be God's people!  
Amen!

HYMN

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

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**WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

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 READINGS

Psalm 62: 1-8

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

How long will you assail a person,  
will you batter your victim, all of you,

as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.  
They take pleasure in falsehood;  
they bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse. *Selah*  
For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

### 1 Samuel 8:1-22, New Living Translation

As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.

Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. "Look," they told him, "you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have."

Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance. "Do everything they say to you," the Lord replied, "for they are rejecting me, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer. Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."

So Samuel passed on the Lord's warning to the people who were asking him for a king. "This is how a king will reign over you," Samuel said. "The king will draft your sons and assign them to his chariots and his charioteers, making them run before his chariots. Some will be generals and captains in his army, some will be forced to plow in his fields and harvest his crops, and some will make his weapons and chariot equipment. The king will take your daughters from you and force them to cook and bake and make perfumes for him. He will take away the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his own officials. He will take a tenth of your grain and your grape harvest and distribute it among his officers and attendants. He will take your male and female slaves and demand the finest of your cattle and donkeys for his own use. He will demand a tenth of your



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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Thank you to Lydia Blanton for the donation of the beautiful altar  
flowers this morning.

### **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

	<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 3</u></b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Cheryl Heber	Elise Livingston
<b>Video Director</b>	Nicki Carter	
<b>Usher</b>	Dick Strahs	
<b>Greeter</b>	Cheryl Kazimier	Bill Vezina
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Lydia Blanton	Karen Wootton
<b>Sunday School</b>	Adam & Katie T. Elise Livingston	N/A

### **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.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers on a particular Sunday in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other special day, please talk to Jonathan Kaman, 815-347-5035.

### **FOR CONNECTION:**

#### **ALL SAINTS DAY**

We will recognize All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@richmonducc.org) no later than October 30.

# **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](mailto:conley8405@gmail.com). The deadline for baskets is Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024.

## **PRAYERS for the WEEK OF October 27, 2024**

**JOYS:** Birthdays: Cheryl Runnfeldt (10/28); Jeremy Crutcher (10/30); and Kelli Brossart (11/1).

We are thankful for the joy of seeing our children grow and find fulfillment in their lives. We are also thankful for the ability to take part in each other's lives, to ease the burden and share the joy.

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Penny and Jim Kraft

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

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

### **Ongoing Prayers:**

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 Adam and Katie Tedder, and Georgia, Arthur and Grant.

**In the Wider Church:** We pray for our neighbors in Christ at Millburn Congregational U.C.C. and their Pastor, the Rev. Miranda Moeller.

**Members and Friends who are Homebound:** Betty Waspi



# I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

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*African-American spiritual*

1 I'm so glad, Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm so glad,  
2 Sa-tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me, Sa-tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou-ble, Je-sus lift-ed me, when I was in trou-ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me, I'm so glad,  
Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,  
Je - sus lift - ed me, when I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me, sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus lift - ed me.

*Just as the spirituals were adapted to be sung in a folk-song style during the 1960s music festivals and civil rights marches, so have they been adapted in a gospel style. This is a spiritual that especially lends itself to gospel rendering.*

Tune: I'M SO GLAD Irr.  
*African-American spiritual*

## I Will Trust in the Lord

*African-American traditional**Ps. 37:3*

1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the  
 2 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y

Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.  
 right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the  
 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y

Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.  
 right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

*One use of this traditional song has been in African-American churches, where someone giving a testimony would raise a verse or two, and be joined by the congregation in singing. Then the person would build a testimony upon the hymn's thematic language.*

Tune: TRUST IN THE LORD Irr.  
 African-American traditional  
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.  
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839