

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond

United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 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 Kazimier

One: Come into God’s presence and shout with the heavens,

All: our God is very great!

One: Clothed with honor and wrapped in glorious light,

All: our God is very great!

One: Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly,

All: our God is very great!

One: Calling us to humility and compassion,

All: our God is very great!

One: Come into God’s presence:

All: we will listen to each other, and hear God speak.

One: Let us pray:

**All: God of majesty and might,
blow through this place
like a mighty wind.
Inspire us with your presence.
Cover us with your love,
that we might be your people,
serving others with care and compassion.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

“O My Soul, Bless Your Creator”

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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 can remain with their families for 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 104:1-9

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-8

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

MESSAGE One but not the Same

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

HYMN "Sheaves of Summer"

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THE OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication (we say together)

**Endlessly Generous God,
We offer our gifts of money today,
knowing that they are only a small part
of all that we can give you: our whole being, our energy,
our passion, our desire for your will.
Accept these offerings;
take them and use them for your good. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

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 “For the Healing of the Nations” #576

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 13

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| Liturgist | Cheryl Kazimier | Jean Valsa |
| Video Director | Nicki Carter | |
| Usher | Dick Strahs | |
| Greeter | Dawn C. & Mike K. | Elise L. & George Z. |
| Fellowship Hosts | Dawn C. & Mike K. | Needed |
| Sunday School | N/A | |

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wider Mission Meeting, Tuesday, 1:30pm
Choir practice, Wednesday, 7pm
Men’s Breakfast Club, Saturday, 8am
Village Trunk R Treat, Sat, 1-4pm

CHURCH NEWS

TRUNK R TREAT: This Saturday, October 12, 1-4 pm, there is a Trunk R Treat in Richmond at the village parking lot on Broadway. Elise needs your help with decorating a trunk to represent our church. We also need donated candy or small toys. Contact Elise at 815347-2807.

PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT: Thursday, October 24th, 6:00-7:30PM. Come enjoy pumpkin carving with your church friends! Sign up in the lounge by Sunday, October 20th 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.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES: Last week, we handed out the stewardship packets. If you didn't receive yours, check to see if it's at the front of the church. Please return all pledge cards by Sunday, Oct 20.

HURRICANE HELENE 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 Helene 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>

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 6, 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: We are thankful for the ability to pray, to be prayed for, to worship together in person, and to worship together from afar.

PRAYERS FOR:

Kathy Speaker's friend, Gayle

Jim Speaker

Dayton Crutcher

Those impacted by Hurricane Helene, including George & Elise's daughter, Caroline, and her family

Those who are grieving

Jan Revelle

Penny & Jim Kraft's friend, Jeff

Mike Kennedy's cousin, Jen Baker

MaryAnn Keil's son-in-law, Nick Ciko

Joshua Canady, son of Jennifer Canady who cleans our building

George Zimmermann's sister, Cheryl Shepherd

Phyllis Kazimier's nephew, Bill Haacker

Ongoing Prayers:

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 Dick and Louise Strahs.

In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ at United Protestant Church of Grayslake and their Pastor, the Rev. Jason Okrzynski.

Members and Friends who are Homebound: Betty Waspi

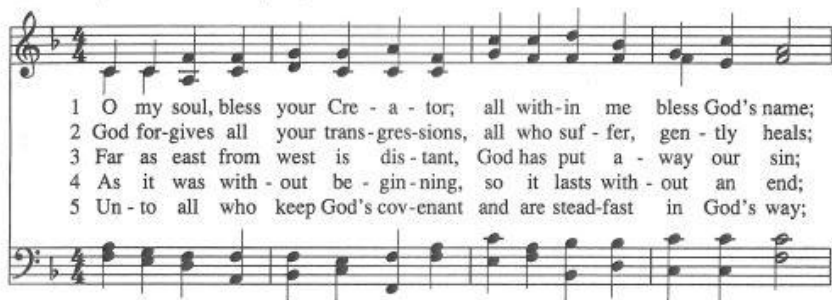
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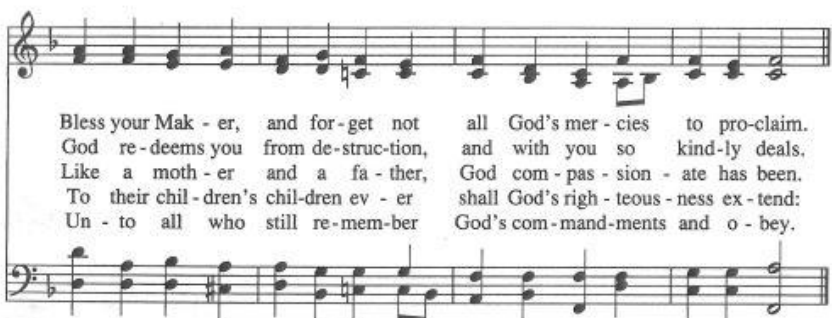
Anon.

United Presbyterian Book of Psalms, 1871; alt.

Ps. 103



1 O my soul, bless your Cre - a - tor; all with-in me bless God's name;
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all who suf - fer, gen - tly heals;
3 Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a - way our sin;
4 As it was with - out be - gin-ning, so it lasts with - out an end;
5 Un - to all who keep God's cov-enant and are stead-fast in God's way;



Bless your Mak - er, and for-get not all God's mer - cies to pro-claim.
God re - deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
Like a moth - er and a fa - ther, God com - pas - sion - ate has been.
To their chil - dren's chil-dren ev - er shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:
Un - to all who still re-mem-ber God's com - mand - ments and o - bey.

Psalm 103, a beautiful psalm of thanksgiving for God's forgiveness and steadfast love, is summed up in the lines of this hymn. The author of the paraphrase is unknown.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.

Attrib. to Christian F. Witt

Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Una Espiga (Sheaves of Summer)

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 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 - nion 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 i-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-gether
 we shall sit.
 As God's chil-dren, Christ's
 bod-y we will share.
 One same hope we will sing
 to-gether 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

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry Purcell, c. 1680

Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842