



**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

# COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

November 21, 2021

10:30 AM

The Reverend Steven Price

Pastor on Sabbatical

The Reverend Dr. Margo Markestijn

Sabbatical Interim Minister

Mr. Ron Strong

Choir Director

Mr. Frankie Bones

Church Musician

Mr. Ryan Hubbell

Technical Support

## *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,  
**you are welcome here!**

### Words of Welcome

As we begin our service, just some notes of preparation:

1. For **Communion**: For those who might have forgotten, elements are available on the tables in the atrium.
2. **Prayer** requests – **Please text your prayer requests to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310 by the time we're listening to Special Music/Anthem.** State your name should your number not be in her contact list and your requests will be read during community prayer. ALSO, for those without cell phones, slips of paper/pencils can be found on pews by center aisle. Thank you.
3. **Announcements will take place right before the benediction.** Should you have an **Announcement** to share, text it to Beth Fulkerson at the above number, identifying it as an **Announcement** vs. a prayer request. Beth will read those as well as those printed in the bulletin.
4. In consideration of all, please **wear a mask at all times** while in the building.

### **GATHERING**

Please take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's prelude.

Prelude

*"We Gather Together"*

arr. Albert Zane

Bell Ringers – Ron Herman & Jen Kann; Pianist – Janet Herman

**Land Acknowledgment:** Our physical space stands on unceded land originally stewarded by the Seneca people. Today let us acknowledge and honor the Seneca nation by walking paths that lead to equality for all and care for creation.

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

**Many: Let us gather together and lift up our gratitude with word and song!**

One: Let us give thanks for God's extravagant spirit!

**Many: Let us give thanks for family, friends, church and faith!**

**ALL: May our worship deepen our gratefulness for the beauty around us, and the love that surrounds us. Amen.**

† Opening Hymn

***Now Thank We All Our God***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 715

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us full of grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
our Father and our Mother,  
to Christ and to the One  
who binds us to each other,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.

Sharing With Children

Extravagant Filling of the Cornucopia

Anthem

*“Harvest Carol”*

Elvey / Schubert

Trumpets: Brendan Ayers, Jen Kann, and Adam Strong

*Children are invited to Faith Formation activities following the choir’s anthem.*

***ENGAGING***

Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Pew Bible, NT page 245

Lector: Jen Kann

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Margo Markesteyn

Music for Reflection

Frankie Bones

## **RESPONDING**

### Offertory Sentence and Blessing

*While no plates are passed during the offering, your gifts are still needed and appreciated for the continuation of our ministries. You are welcome to use the [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) app on our webpage, send a gift via U.S. mail, or through your bank.*

\* *An offering plate is available in the narthex for those who would like to give after worship.*

### † Offertory Hymn

#### **Doxology**

Chalice Hymnal, No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, (God) all creatures here below;  
Praise him (God) above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*This table is open to all. Together we are the Body of Christ.  
We will partake of the Bread and the Cup in unison following the Elder's prayer.*

Let us say together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples . . .

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father (or Creator) which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Prayer Hymn

#### ***For the Fruit of All Creation***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 714

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## Prayers for Our Community and the World

Hear now our community prayers. After request... God in your goodness, grace or mercy... **People: Hear our Prayer.**

*Silent Prayers*

### **GOING FORTH**

† Closing Hymn

#### ***Let All Things Now Living***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 717

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to  
God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and  
made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the  
end of our days. God’s banners are o'er us, pure light goes be-  
fore us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished as  
forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, The stars in their courses, the  
sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the  
mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean pro-  
claim God divine. We too, should be voicing our love and re-  
joicing with glad adoration, a song let us raise: till  
all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to  
God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

### Preparing to Go Out and Participate in the Life of the Church

Beth Fulkerson will share an abbreviated version of each announcement in the bulletin. If you have something to announce that is NOT in the bulletin, please **text** it to Beth Fulkerson at **585.755.6310** and begin your message with the word **“Announcement.”** This is one way of assuring that those on ZOOM will be able to hear all the announcements. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Benediction

### Postlude

Frankie Bones



† All who are able, please stand.

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Elders ..... Connie Bottoni & Dee Staley      Deacons ..... Susan Dobbins, David Dobbins  
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe      Greeters ..... All God’s People! David Dobbins





## News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded.  
To access the recording, visit our  
website: [Cccopentoall.org](http://Cccopentoall.org).  
It will be posted early this week.



**Hanging of the Greens** - Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to help decorate the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall as we prepare for the Christmas season. Advent is a time of preparation for the arrival of the Christ child. What better way to start the season than by enjoying the fun and fellowship of decorating our church for this joyous time of year!

**Date: Sunday, November 21**

**Time: 11:30 AM**

### **HOPES and PRAYERS** – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Join Diane Ellis via ZOOM for a time of sharing those things heavy on your heart as well as lifting up the ways God has already blessed your life or answered your prayers. A ZOOM invitation will be sent Monday evening.

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### **So Much for Which to be THANKFUL!!**

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to all those that came out Thursday afternoon. We had almost 30 volunteers and served nearly **200 families!** The rain stopped and the sun came out as we gathered for a short prayer! An amazing day of working with our community to help feed our community! Thanks be to God!

*~ Ron Herman*

### **“RECORDING OUR STORIES” PROJECT**

**WHAT:** Recording stories from each church person (kids too!)

**ABOUT:** Who you are and someone who has been an important influence in your life (a “saint” for you!)

**HOW:** By ZOOM – done in groups of 2 (interviewing each other)

**WHEN:** Starting in November 2021 and occurring over the next several months

**WHERE:** At your home or at church (your preference)

**COORDINATORS:** Jeannie Strong and Carol Giblin; Ryan Hubbell as ZOOM master

This project is part of the Sabbatical funding that Steven Price received through the Lily Foundation grant. It will also be a part of the church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which is coming up next year! Jeannie and Carol will be contacting everyone at some point to schedule their recording so be thinking ahead to who you would like to remember on your recording and also who you would like to have as your recording partner! All the information you need will be provided before you record; Jeannie and Carol will help you with any questions you may have!



### Food Items Needed for each Holiday Meal

- 1 fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- 2 soups
- 6 pack V-8 Juice or 6 pack 100% fruit juice
- 1 instant mashed potatoes (2-6oz or 1-15oz)
- 1 large or 2 regular canned sweet potato
- 3 canned vegetables (e.g., corn, carrots, beans)
- 1 cranberry sauce
- 1 bag stuffing mix (or boxed – 2-6oz or 1-12oz)
- 1 can gravy
- 1 box gelatin dessert,  
Or cake mix & frosting,  
Or pie crust mix and filling

These meals are designed for a family of 3-4 people.

## Opportunities to Give to Those In Need during this Season of Thanksgiving

**HOLIDAY BASKETS** – During November, CCC will collect food for SWEM's holiday baskets that are handed out to clients in December. Please see the list for what is being collected. We can also add holiday touches such as coffee, tea, candies, mints or napkins.

If you prefer to donate money instead of food, that is also an option. Money will be used to buy meat, eggs and butter for the baskets. Please see Pam Bakst if you'd like to donate money. **\*\*No toys or perishable items, please. Any questions, ask Pam.**

**Neighbors in Need helps make Unfailing Love possible.  
For this to occur, it needs your support.**



**Neighbors in Need 2021  
Special Mission Offering**

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

**Donations may be made by writing a check to the church clearly marked NIN (Neighbors In Need).**

## Hungry for Some Inspiration?

Sign up now for the CCC Daily Dish - a heaping helping of inspiration! MOJO, in cooperation with our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, is launching a new daily engagement platform. You can opt in by texting **CCCDailyDish to 43506**. Each day you'll receive a short message to ponder, reflect on, and/or share with others. Questions? Ask Shawna ([shawnalusk@gmail.com](mailto:shawnalusk@gmail.com) or 576-5159).

## Best Wishes to Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week . . .

| Birthdays   |                | Anniversaries |                       |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| November 21 | Shirlee Bates  | November 21   | Adam & Natalie Strong |
| November 26 | Sophia Calabro |               |                       |

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### ◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

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| Today, November 21 <sup>st</sup>     | 11:30 AM    | “Hanging of the Greens” – Come decorate the church with us! |
| Tuesday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 10:00 AM    | Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)                                    |
|                                      | 12:00 PM    | Deadline for bulletin announcements                         |
| Wednesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 PM     | <b>NO</b> Sr. Choir Rehearsal                               |
| Thursday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>  |             | <b><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i></b>                           |
| Sunday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>    |             | <b><i>First Sunday in Advent</i></b>                        |
|                                      | 10:00 AM    | Choir Rehearsal   |
|                                      | 10:30 AM    | Hybrid Worship – Please wear a mask.                        |
|                                      | 10:45 (ish) | Children leave for Faith Formation Activities               |
|                                      | 4:00 PM     | Private Party – FH & Kitchen                                |

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### ◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

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#### READY TO SERVE:

***Ron Herman, Chairperson of the General Board***

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***Bill Kelly, Co-Chairperson of the Elders***

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