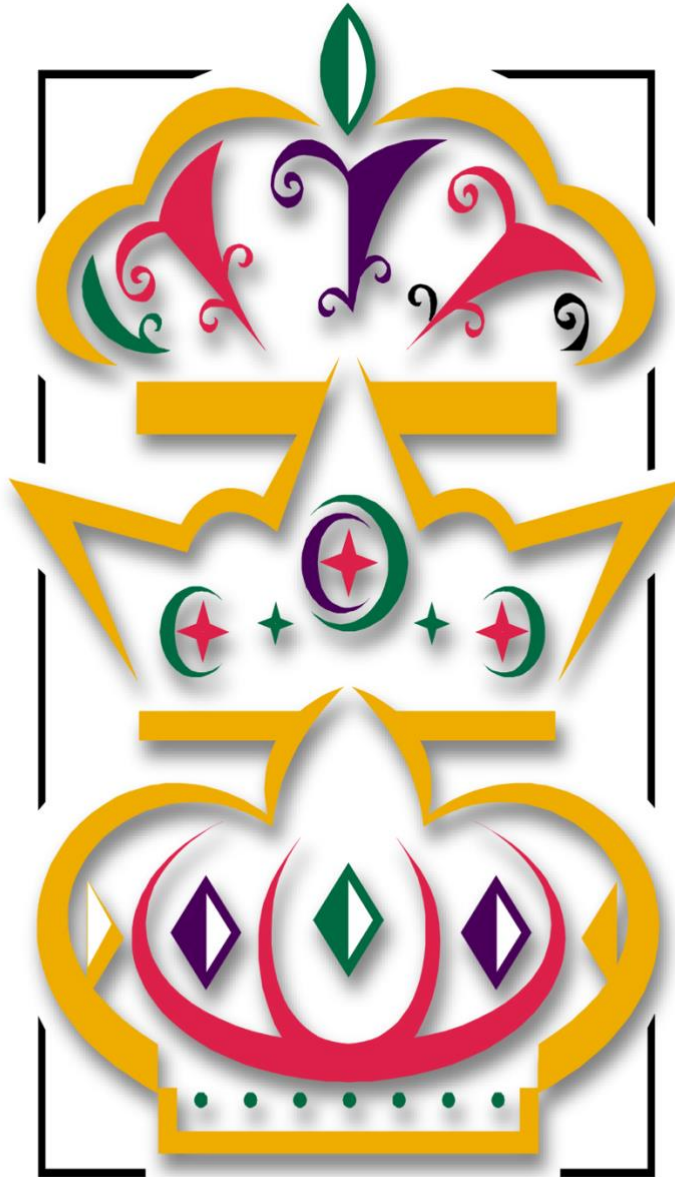


“WHERE IS THE CHILD WHO HAS



BEEN BORN KING OF THE JEWS?”

▪ MATTHEW 2:2, NRSV

JANUARY 9, 2022

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

January 9, 2022

10:30 AM

The Reverend Steven Price
Mr. Ron Strong
Mr. Frankie Bones
Mr. Ryan Hubbell

Pastor
Choir Director
Church Musician
Technical Support

First Sunday after Epiphany

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

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to you as we gather to celebrate God's life-giving presence. During communion, as we partake of the bread and cup, please know that **all** who desire Christ's boundless and embracing love are welcomed to participate.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Frankie Bones

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Many and Great, O God

Chalice Hymnal, No. 58

Sam Beach – signed artistic interpretation

Many and great, O God, are Thy things,
Maker of earth and sky;
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars,
Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at Thy word the waters were formed;
Deep seas obey Thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with Thee,
Thou star-abiding One;
Come unto us and dwell with us:
With Thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
Eternal life with Thee.

Sharing with Children

Anthem

“Be Not Afraid”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Children are invited to Faith Formation activities following this portion of the service.

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements)

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12
Lector: Connie Bottoni

Pew Bible, NT page 2

Sermon

The Reverend Steven Price

Music for Reflection

Frankie Bones

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Blessing*

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

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.*

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.**

Let us say together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

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.

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

(continued)

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

Benediction

It is not with fear, it is with JOY in our bodies that we will turn and face the days ahead, knowing that God is with and within us. **Amen**

Postlude

Frankie Bones



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders Bill Kelly and Dan Robillard Deacons Karen Destino
ZOOM Host Barbara Coe Greeter All God's People!



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.



News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

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

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT *

On Sunday, **January 9, 2022** directly following worship we will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. This is a very important gathering in the life of our church. The proposed 2022 slate of officers and the proposed budget for 2022 will be presented for congregational approval. We need your presence and input. We will also present through our Department Annual Reports the year 2021 in review.

Please attend and participate!

HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Join Pastor Steven 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.



Blood Drive – MONDAY, January 24 from 12 to 5 PM

Please note we have changed the day of the week from Friday to Monday to avoid conflicting with nearby drives held on the same day.

The Red Cross is still extremely low on blood supplies so every donation is drastically needed. Please consider helping the situation by signing up to donate. You can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **CCCRochester** to schedule an appointment.

To demonstrate how urgent the need is for blood, a nationwide drawing is being held the whole month of January with the grand prize being a **Super Bowl Package** for the donor and a guest in LA; 2nd place is a **Home Theater Package**; 3rd place is a **\$500 E card**. Okay, not too shabby – a slight improvement over their T-shirt give-away prize! ;o)



Please consider how you might help out – either by donating blood or working at the blood drive itself. If questions, contact our coordinator, Judi Tellier. You'll be glad you did!

“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

Carol and Jeannie 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.

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Thursday, January 27th – Volunteers Needed!

- 2:15 – 5:30 PM Parking Lot Duty (3 volunteers needed)
- 2:30 – 5:30 PM Food Distribution (Many volunteers needed – some lifting required)
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Takedown & Cleanup (5 volunteers needed – lifting required!)

Please TEXT or message Pastor Steven at 585.733.7121 **OR** sign up on the sheets in Fellowship Hall if you can lend a helping hand (or two!). ALSO, mark on your calendars the next date for Abundant Blessings: **Thursday, February 24**



THANK YOU to the entire congregation for their generosity which seems to know no bounds! Norman and I are grateful for the financial gift shared with us and for the gift of Community Christian Church.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Steven and Norman

Best Wishes to ONE Celebrating A Birthday This Week . . .

January 10 Al Nobrega

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday, January 9 th	11:40 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
	3:00 PM	OMP Revue Rehearsal – FH ('til 6p)
Monday, January 10 th	6:30 PM	Girl Scout Leader Training – FH
Tuesday, January 11 th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
Wednesday, January 12 th	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, January 13 th	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
	7:00 PM	Chili Democratic Committee – ZOOM
Sunday, January 16 th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Please wear a mask.
	10:45 AM	Children leave for Faith Formation Activities

◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

READY TO SERVE: *The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor*
 Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

Sandy Hubbell, Office Administrator
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