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# COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**September 18, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price  
Mr. Veniamin Blokh  
Mr. Ron Strong  
Mr. Ryan Hubbell

Pastor  
Church Musician  
Senior Choir Director  
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## *Celebration Sunday!*

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

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.

### **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.

Prayer is an important part of our life together as a community of faith. If you have a prayer concern or joy you would like raised later on in the service, text your request to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310.

### **GATHERING**

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

Prelude

Venya Blokh

Call to Worship

**"GOD"**

~ by Brian Doyle

By purest chance I was out in our street when the kindergarten bus mumbled past going slow and I looked up just as all seven kids on my side of the bus looked at me and I grinned and they lit up... if you want to see God and have God see you...

Go stand in the street as the kindergarten bus murmurs past. I'm not kidding and this is not a metaphor. I am completely serious. Everyone babbles about God but I saw God this morning just as the bus slowed down for the stop on Maple Street. God was six girls and one boy with a bright green and purple stegosaurus hat. Of course God would wear a brilliantly colored tall dinosaur hat! If you were the Imagination that **dreamed** up everything that ever was in this blistering perfect terrible world, wouldn't you wear a hat celebrating some of the wildest most amazing developments?

## † Opening Song

## ***I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy***

*While traditionally a camp song, this seems like a great Celebration Sunday song!*

*NOTE: The verses get more challenging to sing! 😊*

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,  
down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

### **Refrain:**

And I'm so happy, so very happy,

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart, (down in my heart)

And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,  
down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,  
down in my heart to stay. *(to refrain)*

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart,  
way down in the depths of my heart, way down in the depths of my heart.

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart,  
way down in the depths of my heart to stay. *(to refrain)*

## Presentation of Bibles

*Sean Francis Bottoni, Olivia Greer, Levi Richard Wanck-Kann*

## Special Music

*"All God's Children Have a Place in the Choir"*

Bill Staines

Kids' Choir directed by Ron Herman

## Sharing With Children

Contemporary Reading

*"I Am God's Dream"*

~ by Matthew Paul Turner

Read by Alex Kuehl

## Anthem

*"It Is a Good Thing"*

Marcus Wiley

## **ENGAGING**

### Ancient Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-19

Pew Bible, OT page 25

Lectors: Katieclaire Dobbins and Sophie Wanck Kann

### Sermon

The Reverend Steven Price

### Music for Reflection

Venya Blokh

## **RESPONDING**

### An Invitation to Offering

## A Sentence of Thanksgiving

## A Song of Praise

## Doxology

Chalice Hymnal, No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
(Or: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost)

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

## THE LORD'S SUPPER



## Special Communion Distribution

*This table is open to all who are seekers of another way  
made known to us in Jesus.*

*Please come down the center aisle **single file** to receive a piece of gluten-free bread from an elder  
and a cup of grape juice from another elder, returning to your seats by the outer aisle.  
If you are unable to come forward, please signal that you would like to be served  
and someone will bring communion to you.*

## 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.**

## 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

† Closing Hymn      *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

*Scholars can trace this hymn as far back as 1750 - and attribute it to slaves from Liberia. It is one of  
the earliest spirituals we have. It is also the first black spiritual to have been accepted by white  
Christians who made it into a camp song. I found and added a verse new to me as our third verse.*

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
Soldiers of the cross.

*(continued)*

Every rung goes higher, higher,  
Every rung goes higher, higher,  
Every rung goes higher, higher,  
Bearers of the cross.

Here we seek and find our story,  
Here we seek and find our story,  
Here we seek and find our story,  
Sisters, brothers, all.

### Benediction (Responsive)

One: And God said – I have a dreamer!  
Jacob who saw a ladder of angels.

**Many: Joseph who dreamed in technicolor!**

One: Mary who dared sit at Jesus' feet and learn.

**Many: Dorothy who dreamed of social justice for the poor**

One: Martin who dreamed that no one be judged  
by the color of their skin  
but by the content of their character.

**Many: God dreamed of me,  
to heal and to mend.  
God dreamed of us,  
to see others as friend.**

One: Let US go forth and DREAM!

**ALL: AMEN!**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements)

See pages 6-8

Postlude (*Please remain seated.*)

Venya Blokh



† All who are able, please stand.

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders .....	Jeannie Strong and Dan Robillard	Deacons .....	Jen Kann, Sophie Wanck-Kann
ZOOM Host .....	Barbara Coe		Yvonne Thorneley and Karen Destino
ZOOM Room Elder .....	Pam Bakst	Greeters .....	All God's People!



## News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded.  
To access the recording, visit our  
website at [Cccopentoall.org](http://Cccopentoall.org).

### We're GLAD You're Here!

#### General Board Meeting – Today After Worship

The General Board meets today following worship in the sanctuary. All elected officers are voting members of the Board and encouraged to attend. The meetings are open to ALL. Input from everyone is ALWAYS welcome and encouraged in the life of CCC!

#### 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, SEPTEMBER 26 Noon to 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall IN MEMORY OF JUDI TELLIER

Please consider giving blood to honor the memory of Judi Tellier and her service to the Red Cross and Community Christian Church. Judi joined CCC about five years ago and quickly became involved with many MOJO projects. Her son André Tellier and her brother Steven Paradise from New Hampshire will both be at the blood drive to welcome donors. We hope to fill all the appointments that afternoon.

**FOOD MINISTRY** – For those of you who don't know, we have a group of people who comprise the Food Ministry, where we make and deliver food for people who are experiencing difficult times or during happy times. too, like having a baby. We need more people to enlist. The group is great but we've been doing this for years, and we could use more support. Meals don't have to be elaborate or fancy, and if you can't deliver, the elder of the person in need can arrange that. If you're interested, contact Kathy Schaefer at [shaykathryn@gmail.com](mailto:shaykathryn@gmail.com).

**CCC's In-Shelf** – Located in the hallway off the fellowship hall is a fully stocked cabinet with staples for use by **anyone** in our congregation. It also contains some household items for your convenience. **Please feel free to help yourself.**

Do not add food items that you bring in for the SWEM food ministries. Those should be put in the yellow shopping cart located next to the shelf. Should you have any questions, please see John Giffen or contact him at 585.889.2290 or [jgiffen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jgiffen@rochester.rr.com). Thanks for your cooperation!



## Two Christmas Trees in OCTOBER and a Bin – ??? What ???

MOJO wants to assure that those in need of warm mittens and socks receive them as the weather becomes colder. Last year our full Mitten Tree of mittens, hats, and scarves were delivered in January after a big snow storm. The tradition will continue while starting earlier!

There will be two smaller trees available on Sunday, October 2. **One tree** will be designated for **mittens**, a tradition started by our dear late Vola Lund decades ago. The **second tree** is for **socks** for the homeless who are served at the Salem Nutrition Center downtown at Salem UCC church. The sock collection is another long-standing tradition disrupted by the pandemic.

Salem Nutrition Center also provides its guests with travel size personal grooming items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and soap. Please place these items in the fancy red Christmas bin near the trees. Barbara Coe will deliver the mittens each week to the central library downtown to be added to their public access mitten tree. Kathy and Jerry Schaefer are regular volunteers at Salem and will deliver the socks and grooming items each week as well. Thank you all in advance for your continuing generosity. Questions? See Barbara Coe.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Friday, October 14 and  
Saturday, October 15



#### A New Pictorial Directory for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

It seems that this was a good year to update our pictorial directory to include all our new and “not-so-new” members and friends of our church family. We will also have pictures of all our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events included. So save these dates:

Friday, October 14            3-8 PM

Saturday, October 15        10-4 PM

You can sign up for the date and time of your choice beginning this week after church on the table in the Atrium. If you have questions, see Nancy Pollock.



### BOOK CLUB RESUMES

Tuesday, October 18 – 7 PM  
Kathy Schaefer’s Home

Looking for some fellowship and scintillating conversation? Then our Book Club just might be for YOU! We will meet once per month on a Tuesday evening at the **new home** of Kathy Schaefer, 508 Panorama Trail, 14625.

Our first gathering this fall is Tuesday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** when we’ll discuss the book “Casual Vacancy” by JK Rowling.

Our time together is open to all church goers. We’d love to have you join us! Contact Kathy at [shaykathryn@gmail.com](mailto:shaykathryn@gmail.com) if you’re attending or have any questions.

**New Acquisitions in the LIBRARY** – We have a beautiful new GLIDER ROCKER in our library with which to sooth babies and parents of young children! Mothers may find this chair a perfect fit while breastfeeding or either parent while bottle feeding! There is a new sign on the door to use if/when seeking enhanced privacy.

Also, our Library now has a variety of books that have brought wisdom and insight to friends in the recovery process. If you would like to borrow one of these books – which are on the shelf behind the door – then please leave the DATE you have taken the book on the card – no names needed. Thank you and enjoy!

## Best Wishes to Those Celebrating

### Birthdays

September 18 Jeannie Strong  
Cindy Cannon  
Abby Greer  
September 19 Devin Cannon



### Anniversaries

Beth & Kevin Fulkerson

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## ◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

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**Special Note: The Fellowship Hall will be off limits from 7AM – 6PM, Monday through Friday to accommodate the installation of our new acoustical panels. Thank you for your cooperation!**

Today, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:45 AM	General Board Meeting – Sanctuary
Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Girl Scout Leader Training – FH
Tuesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	CSA Food Pickup – Outside (weather permitting) OR Atrium ‘til 6p
Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
Saturday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Songfest with Nancy Price
Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Confirmation Sunday!</b>
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – masks optional
	11:40 AM	Reception Welcoming Our New Members!

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## ◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

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### READY TO SERVE:

***The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor***

Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or [RevStevenCCC@gmail.com](mailto:RevStevenCCC@gmail.com).

***Sandy Hubbell, Office Administrator***

Sandy can be reached at [turkielegs@aol.com](mailto:turkielegs@aol.com) or if you need immediate assistance, call her at 617-4009 and leave a message.

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