

Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

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

March 5, 2023

10:30 AM

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

Pastor
Choir Director
Church Musician
Technical Support



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.

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 *"The Lord's Prayer"* arr. Veniamin Blokh

† Call to Worship ~ by Katherine Hawker

One: For God so loved the world;
**Many: The sparrows, the mountain lions,
the fish and the people.**

One: For God so loved the world;
**Many: In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in mediocrity and when extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world;
**Many: Enough to become one of us,
One: enough to suffer along with us,
Many: enough to offer new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;
Many: And we are among the beloved.

† Confession

One: God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth
to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

Many: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

One: You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

Many: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

One: You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

Many: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

One: You bless our lives with boundless love:

Many: Yet we fail to love others with the same abandon.

Forgive us, we pray.

Transform us by your Spirit and by your Word. Amen.

† Opening Hymn ***The God of Abraham Praise*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 24

The words to this hymn date back to the 14th century and the melody is a Hebrew melody, reminding us of connection to our ancestors and to our Jewish sisters and brothers.

The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
The one eternal God, ere all that now appears,
The First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!

God's spirit flowing free, high surging where it will -
In prophet's word it spoke of old - is speaking still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.

God has eternal life implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be the Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!

Sharing With Children

Anthem

"I Believe"

Mark A. Miller

Jen Kann, solo

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Pew Bible, NT pages 93-94

Lector: Beth Fulkerson

Sermon

The Reverend Steven Price

Music for Reflection

Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offering Sentence as Prayer

~ written by Katherine Hawker, edits smp

† Song of Praise

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
(or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.)

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER



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.**

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

Sung Lord's Prayer

Composer: Veniamin Blokh, 2022

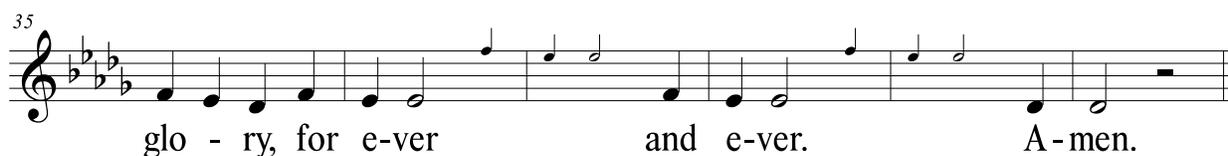
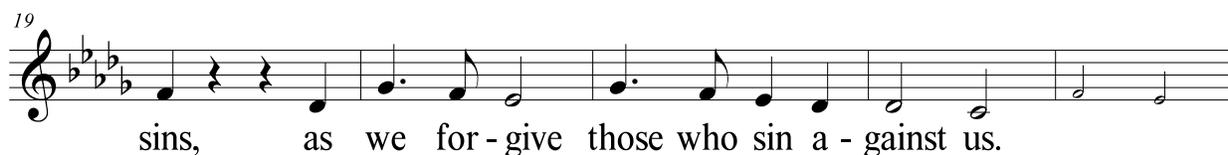
*For those who would like to sing from the printed music,
you can find this arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer" on page 5.*

Our Father 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory forever, and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Veniamin Blokh

Andante



GOING FORTH

† Concluding Song

Blowin' in the Wind

Bob Dylan

Accompanied by Dan Robillard

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many years must a mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea?
And how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
And how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows
That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

† Benediction

~ by Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

Let us rejoice: **God so loves the world!**

May God our Maker

send us back into the world with creative energies refreshed.

May Christ the Light

illuminate our darkest moments.

And may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love

guide us until we worship together again.

This day and forevermore. **Amen!**

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)*

Venya Blokh



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders	Jeannie Strong and Don Lyke	Deacons	Denton Brown, Lucretia Ackley
ZOOM Host	Barbara Coe		Ron Herman
ZOOM Elder	Pam Bakst	Greeters.....	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.

Creation Care Challenge: Greening God’s Good Earth for Lent



Each week during Lent 2023, our congregation will be challenged to “turn over a new leaf” to care for God’s Creation. When you pick up your bulletin at the welcome table, you can also grab a green leaf. Please write on the leaf the action that you took to help green God’s good Earth the previous week, and then place it in the basket in front of the communion servers during communion. Be sure to help your children and grandchildren participate too! Members of our Creation Care team will add these leaves to our Creation Care tree in front of the sanctuary throughout Lent.

◆ 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
 Sandy can be reached at turkielegs@aol.com or if you need immediate assistance, call her at 617-4009 and leave a message.

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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.

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.

General Board Meeting – Next Sunday, March 12th in person, right after worship.

All church officers are voting members of the General Board and encouraged to attend the meeting to make your voice heard. The meetings are open; all are welcome to attend.

Also ... It is "Souper Soup Sunday" – a fundraiser we do each month during the Board Meetings. Join us in Fellowship Hall after church to enjoy some wonderful soup made by volunteers of the congregation. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1 for kids, free for kids under 5. Visitors are also welcome to join us as our guests.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 AM.

Be sure to turn your clocks AHEAD 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night. Yes, that's right, you LOSE 1 hour of sleep that night.



Book Club – Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 PM

At our March 14 gathering we'll discuss the book, IN FIVE YEARS by Rebecca Serle — a striking, powerful, and moving love story following an ambitious lawyer who experiences an astonishing vision that could change her life forever.

We meet at the home of Kathy Schaefer, 508 Panorama Trail, 14625. Our time together is open to all church goers. We'd love to have you join us! Contact Kathy at shaykathryn@gmail.com if you're attending or have any questions.

Creation Care Corner!

Visit your bulletin every week throughout Lent to see how you can better care for creation! We will provide suggestions to help all of us do our best - kids included! Then look for green leaves at our Welcome Table in the Atrium to share your successes.

1. Heard the phrase "CARBON FOOTPRINT?!" Grab a copy of your home energy bill and calculate your carbon footprint! [www3@epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator](http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator). Afterwards, consider how you could reduce your footprint.
2. The average adult receives 41 pounds of junk mail annually! That requires 53 million trees and 56 billion gallons of water to produce. Call or email companies sending you junk to unsubscribe.
3. For Easter baskets, consider buying Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee - or small gifts made by fair trade cooperatives.





(Formerly Easter Blessings for Loved Ones)

Our **Annual Blessings Fund** has been in existence for well over 50 years. So many people wished to remember their loved ones by purchasing Easter Lilies that our sanctuary overflowed. Eventually the church purchased the Easter Lilies while people donated money for a special project in lieu of flowers, and our **Annual Blessings Fund** was established.

Over the years we've been able to purchase many beautiful and useful items for our church, such as hymnals, carpeting, tables and chairs, improving our sound/media system, and Fellowship Hall upgrades.

The General Board has approved the recommendation of the Memorials Department that the 2023 Annual Blessings Fund will go toward updating our seasonal floral arrangements for the sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday a **special bulletin insert** will list the names of donors and the person(s) being honored. We suggest you might like to honor or remember loved ones, friends and relatives who are living or have passed away. Folks celebrating special occasions/anniversaries is another possibility or anyone who just wishes to make a contribution will have their names listed.

Claudia Giffen and Carol Giblin are coordinating this effort. Claudia will be monitoring previous donors and sending out reminder notes. Carol will be creating the bulletin insert. Contributions may be sent through your bank, the Tithe.ly app, or sent to:

ATTN: Financial Secretary
Community Christian Church
2647 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624

ALL contributions must be **CLEARLY MARKED, "Annual Blessings Fund."** **If you regularly give through the Tithe.ly app, choose the "Annual Blessings" Giving Type. If giving through a bank, be sure to inform the Financial Secretary (Kate Bissinger) of your Annual Blessings donation.** She can be reached at 585-953-1289 or by email at finsecty.ccc@gmail.com.

Entry information may be sent to Carol by text at 585-259-7036; emailed to cwgiblin@gmail.com OR Claudia by telephone at 585-889-2290; emailed to claudiagiffen22571@gmail.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANNUAL BLESSINGS FUND IS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2.



Have You Seen??



Have you seen our new food cupboard located in the back hall? If not, please take a stroll down to the fellowship hall and turn left! There you will find quite an improvement over the aged cupboard that lived there for many years. We are so proud of this new addition to our church building, thanks to our amazing property folks. So, if you happen to see any of those great guys, be sure to thank them. And before I forget - if you wish to donate anything, there are now suggestions of what to bring located right inside the cupboard door.

~ Claudia & John Giffen

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary this Week:

Katiclaire Dobbins		March 6
William Schunk		March 7
Zach Thompson		March 8
Erik McNair		March 8
Tom Long		March 9
Maya Gehrke		March 10
Diane Ellis		March 11
Beary Thazhathu		March 11

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Today, March 5 th	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time – Join us for light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.
Monday, March 6 th	5:30 PM	Stewardship Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday, March 7 th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
Wednesday, March 8 th	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, March 9 th	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
Saturday, March 11 th	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH ‘til noon
Sunday, March 12 th		3rd Sunday in Lent
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – masks optional
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time – Souper Soup Sunday
	11:45 AM	General Board Meeting



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, dishes out a 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 or 576-5159).

Impact Earth – Our Composting Ministry at CCC

Composting means “Creating zero waste, together!” Anyone interested in helping to save our planet is invited to stop at the garage and dump your compost in the big tote with the **Impact Earth** name/logo on it (yellow/green liner) every Sunday! An eco-friendly ministry of Community Christian Church.