



**AUGUST 15, 2021**

# COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

August 15, 2021

10:30 AM

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

Pastor  
Bell Choir Director  
Church Musician  
Technical Support

## ***Welcome Home!***

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

## **GATHERING**

### 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 Pastor Steven at 585.733.7121 by the time we're listening to Special Music. State your name should your number not be in his contact list and your requests will be read during community prayer. Thank you.***
3. **After the Benediction** we'll have **Announcements**. Should you have an **Announcement** to share, text it to Pastor Steven at the above number identifying it as an **Announcement** vs. a prayer request. Pastor Steven will read those while our deacon will share those printed in the bulletin.
4. Now take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's Prelude.

**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.

### Prelude

Frankie Bones

### Call to Worship

#### "Blessing of the Empty Pews"

~ written by Matt Laney

We read this blessing about 9 months into our church quarantine, wondering when we might get back to something as simple and wonderful as our church pews. We've added another few lines as update.

The front row used to get teased by the other rows: "No one sits there!"

But no more.

Never have they all felt so neglected, so lonely.

Now there is only the occasional spider. But...

Spiders don't sit, listen, and lounge.

Spiders don't have children who kick and fidget.

Spiders don't make seats creak with delight.

Their hearts aren't quickened by meeting the Great Carpenter.

Blessed are these church pews...

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Blessed are these church pews now welcoming butts, backs, and thighs of every shape and size back to their rightful place without judgment and without complaint.

Blessed are these honey-colored pews glad to be reclaimed as someone's regular, favorite spot!

Blessed are all these mercy seats that have waited for our return these many months.

Yes we were separated from one another, but we were never alone. God has been and always will be with us. Thanks be to God!

### Summer Kids Time (Kids stay in their seats with their parents.)

Today's video clip of Bendable Jesus and friends shows us that Jesus is with us when we're with special people. Follow his adventures by clicking on the link below or the one found on our webpage at [cccopentoall.org](http://cccopentoall.org).

<https://youtu.be/NfGyNBAAHJM>

### Special Music

*"Praise Him! Praise!"*

Lloyd Larson

Two-Octave Bell Choir

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

## **ENGAGING**

### Scripture Reading

**John 6:51-58**

Pew Bible, NT pages 98-99

Lector: Barbara Coe

### † Hymn of the People

***Gather Us In***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 284

*Please join in singing verses 1, 3 and 4.*

There are so many terrific lines in this gathering hymn, today the one that stands out as we re-enter our sanctuary as COVID 19 shape shifts again is this line: "See in this space our fear and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day..."

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
shadows of doubt are vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;

gather us in, our spirits inflame.

Call to us now and we shall awaken;

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we receive new life in the waters;

here we receive the bread of new birth;

here you shall call your sons and your daughters,

call us anew to be salt for the earth.

*(continued)*

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is God present, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Sermon

Pastor Steven

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 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.***

## **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**

### **Continued Prayers during this pandemic:**

**Hear now our community prayers read by Beth Fulkerson.** 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

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

Deacon Karen Destino

Announcements: Reminder to please text to 585.733.7121 and begin your message with the word “**Announcement.**” Thank you.

Concluding Hymn

***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 67

Please sing verses 1, 2, 4 and 5 only.

*God has indeed been our help in ages past and we recognize God’s presence in these challenging days.  
Let us claim and proclaim the gift we know in our God as we sing together.*

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

## Benediction

~ by Reverend Nora Vedress

If we’ve learned anything over the course of this pandemic,  
we’ve learned that the road ahead is often uncertain  
and the path constantly changing.

But we know this:

We know God is love.

We know Christ’s light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit is here now – and goes with us.

Until we meet again, God bless you. **Amen**

## Postlude

Frankie Bones



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders ..... Fred Brown, Dan Robillard  
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe

Deacons ..... Karen Destino, Beth Fulkerson



## 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).  
It will be posted early this week.

### 1. **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.

### 2. **Our WORSHIP SCHEDULE for the next few weeks ...**

**Today, August 15 and August 22** – We will worship indoors in the sanctuary for the first time!

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Until the Delta variant is under control, EVERYONE who worships in person will need to **wear a mask**. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### **We need your SMARTPHONE!**

As we move forward with a hybrid worship service (in person and online), we have discovered that it requires a smartphone-as-camera for ZOOM and while outdoors we need an additional smartphone for prayers/announcements. These are things we've never needed or even thought of before this pandemic.

If you are willing to allow us to use your device during worship/announcements only, then please send Sandy Hubbell a note at [turkielegs@aol.com](mailto:turkielegs@aol.com).

**FOR THE KIDS ...** Our kids have been involved in the Bendable Jesus project for the past 6 weeks. Indoor worship began today, Sunday, August 15. For the next three Sundays, the Christian Education Ministry will be providing an additional three weeks of programs for our youth.

**August 15** – Water fun. Everyone over the age of two will wear face masks in church. As soon as the special music is over, the kids will be dismissed to go outdoors with Jess and Chris Ayers who will lead them in water fun activities.

**August 22** – Video Sunday. Kids will start out in the sanctuary with parents/grandparents. As soon as the special music is over, the kids will go down to the Theater Room to watch a video. Seats have been spaced 3 feet apart. Kids and adults will wear facemasks. For the present, there will be no popcorn or juice served for video Sundays.

**August 29** – Water Fun 2 - Kids should wear their swimsuits to church. Everyone over the age of two will wear face masks in church. As soon as the children's sermon is over, the kids will be dismissed to go outdoors with Jen and Sophie Wanck-Kann who will lead them in more water fun activities.

In case of bad weather on a water fun Sunday, kids will go to the Theater room for Video Sunday 2.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Beginning on Celebration Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Diane and Stephanie Giuseppetti will be our care givers in the nursery.

### 3. Family Day at a Red Wings Baseball Game – Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

For all those who've been working so hard at the Frontier Fundraisers, here's your opportunity to sit back, relax and have some fun! Bring your family and friends and join with other CCCers to root on the Rochester Red Wings. Our choir (and friends) will be singing the National Anthem so come on out and give them some team spirit! The tickets are \$14 each; kids 3 and under are free if they don't need a seat. This will be a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your church family!

Order your tickets directly from Patti Ayers – payment must be turned in by **Sunday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### 4. We're Having a PARTY – Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

And YOU'RE Invited! We want to send Pastor Steven off on his sabbatical with a celebration which might just include a little dancing!



AND, we're going to joyously Welcome the Rev. Dr. Margo Markesteijn as our pastor while Pastor Steven is away.

**Time:** 6 PM **What:** Organized Carry-In Dinner – There is a signup sheet posted at church.

### 5. Impact Earth – Our New Composting Ministry at CCC

There's been some exciting changes to how composting at CCC will work (at least for the foreseeable future.) After deliberating with the leaders of MOJO and Abundant Blessings, who will be a significant contributor to the compost bin, MOJO will fund the expense of participating in this program through the end of December. What that means for the rest of church is we **ALL** get to participate **free of charge** for the first 5 months! At that point a decision will be made if we (the church) continue to fund this expense for 2022 through the budget or revert back to our original proposal of those who participate will share the cost of the program. This is a WIN – WIN for the church and for the environment!

#### LOGISTICS:

- ❖ The Impact Earth compost tote will be kept by the garage with the other garbage cans (different color).
- ❖ Impact Earth will pick up the tote weekly and leave a clean tote behind.
- ❖ Everyone is responsible for collecting their own compost materials in their own buckets and dumping them in the compost tote.
- ❖ Acceptable items for composting – please see page 10.

### 6. Book Club – Important Notice

We'll be having Book Club in the fall alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays again. More information to come but you need to know that we plan to hold the group in-person. Right now, Kathy Schaefer will host most of the meetings at her home every month, conveniently located near church. If Covid trends continue in

the wrong direction, we'll switch to Zoom. So, we'll be having Book Club no matter what. We'll start on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM with the *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Connie Bottoni will be leading the discussion. If you'd like to attend, you can email Kathy at [shaykathryn@gmail.com](mailto:shaykathryn@gmail.com).

## 7. The Accessibility Ministry

We're starting a new service in the church called the Accessibility Ministry. We're compiling a list of church members who have accessibility equipment they're willing to lend. The process works like this: for example, you need a cane, you look on the list, see who's offered a cane, *you* contact them and pick it up. If collecting an item yourself is an issue, email the outreach committee and we'll get someone to bring it to you. An important thing to remember is if you accept something from another person, you must return it in only slightly used condition.

First, we need to compile a list of those who have equipment they're willing to share. Send your name and the name of the item to us at [shaykathryn@gmail.com](mailto:shaykathryn@gmail.com), topic Accessibility.

Note: We are happy to be a resource for medical equipment when the need arises, but please note the following:

**Community Christian Church assumes no responsibility for the condition or appropriate use of any equipment. Each person is responsible for inspecting equipment condition before accepting and using any equipment and assumes all risk.**

Start date: TBD

## 8. Best Wishes to those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week . . .

### Birthdays

August 17 Dave Inglis  
 August 20 Angela Homer  
 August 21 Ron Hubbell

### Anniversaries

August 17 Alex & Sara Kuehl  
 August 18 Bob & Holly Phillips  
 August 19 Pat & Penny Cannon  
 August 20 Chad & Mandy Kirby

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## ◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

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Today, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Brief Deacons' Meeting
Monday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Stewardship Meeting (ZOOM)
Tuesday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
	4:00 PM	CSA Produce Distribution – Atrium (til 6p)
	7:00 PM	Chili Democratic Committee – FH
Friday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	Red Cross arrives for setup
	12:00 PM	Blood Drive until 5 PM
	5:00 PM	Frontier Field
Saturday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 PM	Frontier Field
Sunday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 AM	Worship – Hybrid (in sanctuary and ZOOM) <b>Please wear a mask.</b>
	10:40 AM	Kids Time
	1:05 PM	Red Wings Baseball Game



## **Change (again) is hard but necessary.**

As we move inside for combined in-person and ZOOM worship there are changes that have to be made to keep our kids and one another safe. Here are just a few things to be aware of:

1. We will usually be wearing masks while in our building until the Delta variant gets sorted out. Lectors and preachers will remove when speaking for clarity's sake.
2. The order of worship will be unique. We will not be singing when the children are with us in the sanctuary so will need to adjust the service to accommodate our time with them.
3. Once the children leave the sanctuary they will be either outside or in the Fellowship Hall in order to give them safer social distance space... that means we will hear their laughter, their singing and perhaps their shrieks. IF you are someone that might be bothered by the noise then you might want to move towards the front of the sanctuary.

That's enough change for now. More to come for sure. Please pray for grace and for healing across this divided land.

Peace,  
Pastor Steven

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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*

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# ACCEPTED MATERIALS

## IMPACT EARTH COMPOSTING

### FOOD SCRAPS

All food scraps & waste including:  
produce, meat, dairy, eggs,  
bones/shells, coffee grounds, etc.

### PAPER PRODUCTS

Napkins, shredded paper, paper  
towels, cardboard, biodegradable  
paper takeout boxes

### COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

All "bio-plastics" labelled as BPI  
Certified or Commercially  
Compostable

### NOT ACCEPTED

Animal or human waste, plastic, metal,  
non-biodegradable materials



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