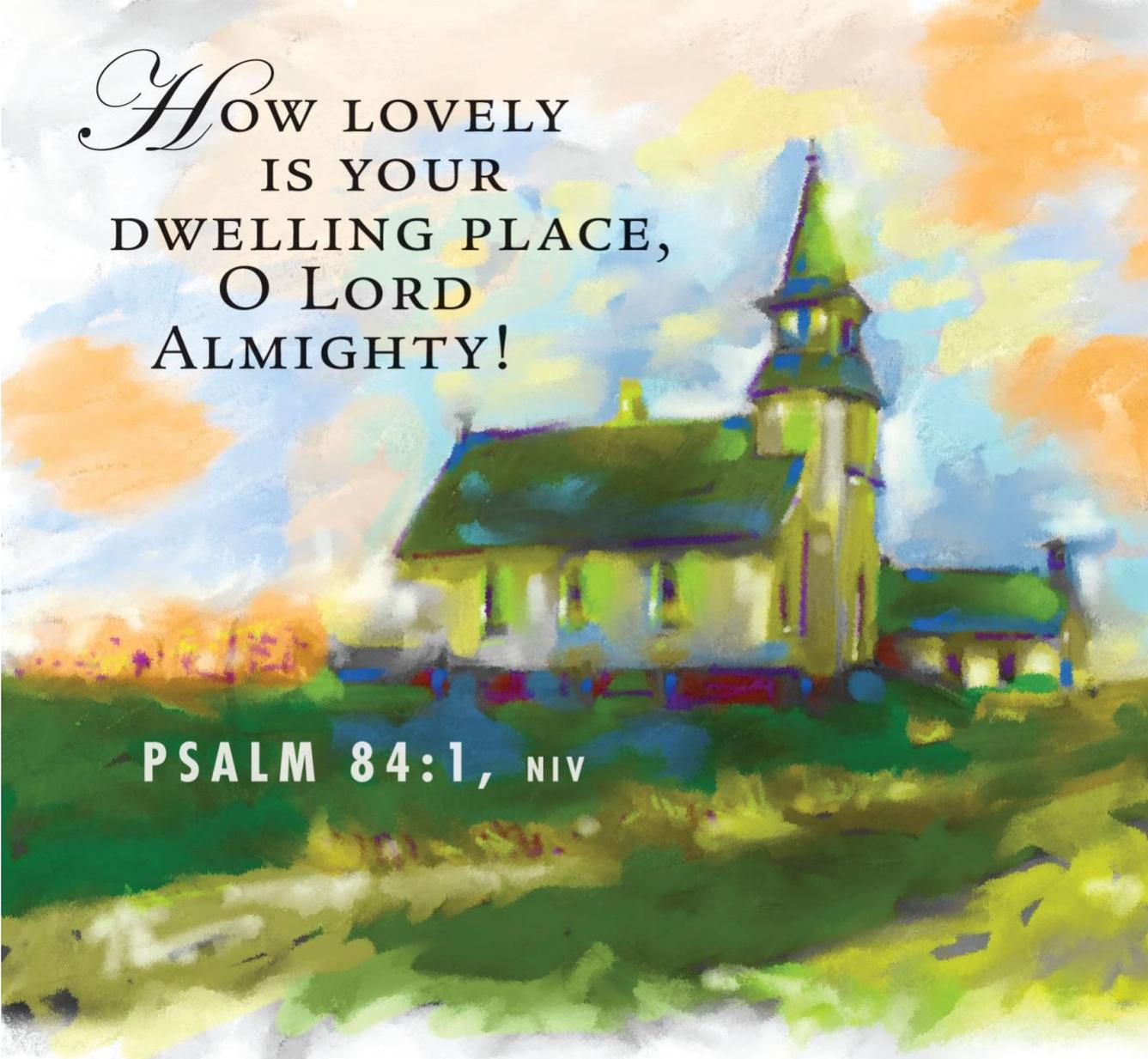




CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A vibrant, impressionistic painting of a church with a tall steeple, set in a lush green landscape under a sky with soft, colorful clouds. The church has a dark roof and a prominent steeple with a pointed top. The foreground shows a path leading towards the building.

How LOVELY
IS YOUR
DWELLING PLACE,
O LORD
ALMIGHTY!

PSALM 84:1, NIV

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

August 22, 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

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. 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 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

A Unison Prayer of Invocation (based on Psalm 84)

It is good to be here in your presence Lord.

Here we are at home with each other and with you.

**Here we discover the joy of life and the strength to live each day
with praise in our hearts to you.**

You alone are God!

You alone can show us the way to the life that lasts forever.

We love you, Lord,

**and we lift up this prayer and this time of worship
in adoration of your holy name.**

Amen.

Summer Kids Time

There is no special time for children today. This segment will resume on "Celebration Sunday," September 12th. The kids will leave the sanctuary today after the bells play our special music.

Special Music

"With Praises Ring"

Barbara Kinyon

Three-Octave Bell Choir

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 84

Pew Bible OT, page 543

PS = Pulpit Side; OS = Organ Side

PS: ¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

OS: ²*My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

PS: ³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

OS: ⁴*Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.*
Selah

PS: ⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

OS: ⁶*As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.*

PS: ⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

OS: ⁸*O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!*
Selah

PS: ⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

OS: ¹⁰*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.*

PS: ¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

OS: ¹²*O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.*

Please join in singing verses 1, 2 and 4.

This beautiful old Irish hymn reminds us where to focus: on God's Presence everywhere of course!

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sermon

Pastor Steven

Music for Reflection

Frankie Bones

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Blessing

~ written by Carol Penner

We have the means to give,
we have the reason to give,
and there are many waiting for us to give.
Yet often, our hands hold back,
saving what we have for ourselves.

God of grace,
help us to live into and to give in Your Spirit of love,
where there are no enemies,
and where kindness is the air we breathe. **Amen**

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. 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 **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** Chalice Hymnal, No. 622

The words to this hymn remind us that we are all pilgrims on this journey.

Let us look to and sing praises for our God's Presence always with us.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Bear me through the swelling current;
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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

Deacon

Our Deacon will share an abbreviated version of each announcement in the bulletin. If you have something to announce that is NOT in the bulletin, you **MUST text** it to Pastor Steven at 585.733.7121 and begin your message with the word **“Announcement.”** No other verbal announcements will be offered from the congregation. This is one way of assuring that those on ZOOM will be able to hear all the announcements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Benediction

May God’s blessing be upon you.

May Jesus’ love attend to you.

And may the Holy Spirit sustain you until we meet again.

Amen

Postlude

Frankie Bones



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders Fred Brown, Dan Robillard Deacons Karen Destino, Beth Fulkerson
ZOOM Host Barbara Coe

◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

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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 at
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. **ALL Our WORSHIP SERVICES from this point on will be held in the Sanctuary.**

SPECIAL NOTE: Until the Delta variant is under control, EVERYONE who worships in person **MUST 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 two smartphones-as-cameras for our ZOOM participants to see/hear different areas of the sanctuary. 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 the worship service only, then please send Sandy Hubbell a note at turkielegs@aol.com.

FOR THE KIDS ... Our kids have been involved in the Bendable Jesus project throughout the summer months. For the next two Sundays, the Christian Education Ministry will provide additional programming for our youth.

August 22 – Today is 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, kids will go to the Theater Room for Video Sunday 2.

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

3. **Sunday's Service on Labor Day Weekend – September 5th**

This will be an unusual day for CCC worship goers. As you may know, approximately 80% of our congregation will be attending Angola Christian Family Camp the entire weekend. It is a very special time for the camp as they will commemorate the 75th anniversary of its founding. To recognize the occasion, our Regional Minister will be the Adult Study Leader and also preach at the Sunday service. In light of this celebration, worship at Community Christian Church **will NOT** be held at the church. Rather, those folks still in Rochester and not at camp will have the opportunity to worship via ZOOM alongside all those CCC folks at Family Camp. You will receive

a ZOOM link on Friday night as usual and again on Sunday morning. **So... remember NOT to go to the physical church on September 5th but tune into ZOOM from the comfort of your own home.**

4. We're Having a PARTY – Tuesday, August 24th – 6 PM – And YOU'RE Invited!



We want to send Pastor Steven, Norm and Marjorie off on Steven's long-awaited sabbatical with a celebration which might just include a little dancing!

Time: 6 PM **What:** Organized Carry-In Dinner
There is a sign-up sheet posted at church or contact Patti Ayers.

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



5.

	<p>important sabbatical information Pastor Steven has had yet another postponement of his sabbatical. As of right now, it looks like he will leave the end of September. Prayers abound for Steven and Norman. Please Note: The party on Tuesday night (8/24) WILL take place as planned.</p>
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6. Impact Earth – Our New Composting Ministry at CCC

Composting means "Creating zero waste, together!" Please 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.

7. Book Club – Important Notice

We'll be having our once-a-month Book Club in the fall alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays again. Kathy Schaefer will host most of the meetings at her home, conveniently located near church. If Covid trends continue in the wrong direction, we'll switch to Zoom. We'll start on September 14th 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, email Kathy at shaykathryn@gmail.com.

8. 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.

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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, 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

9. Best Wishes to those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week . . .

Birthdays

August 23 Karen Long
August 24 Kali Gehrke,
Norm Geil
August 25 Denton Brown
Deliah Bottoni
August 27 Stephanie Giuseppetti
August 28 Ryan Hubbell

Anniversaries

August 23 Don Brown & Fred Lyke
August 25 Renee & Sarah Judkins

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Today, August 22 nd	11:30 AM	Outdoor Fellowship Time
	1:05 PM	Red Wings Baseball Game
Tuesday, August 24 th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
	4:00 PM	CSA Produce Distribution – Atrium (til 6p)
	6:00 PM	Bon Voyage Steven / Welcome Margo – Carry-In Dinner
Wednesday, August 25 th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals – FH & K (til 4p)
Sunday, August 29 th	10:30 AM	Worship – Hybrid (in sanctuary and ZOOM) Please wear a mask.
	10:40 AM	Kids Time
	11:30 AM	Outdoor Fellowship Time