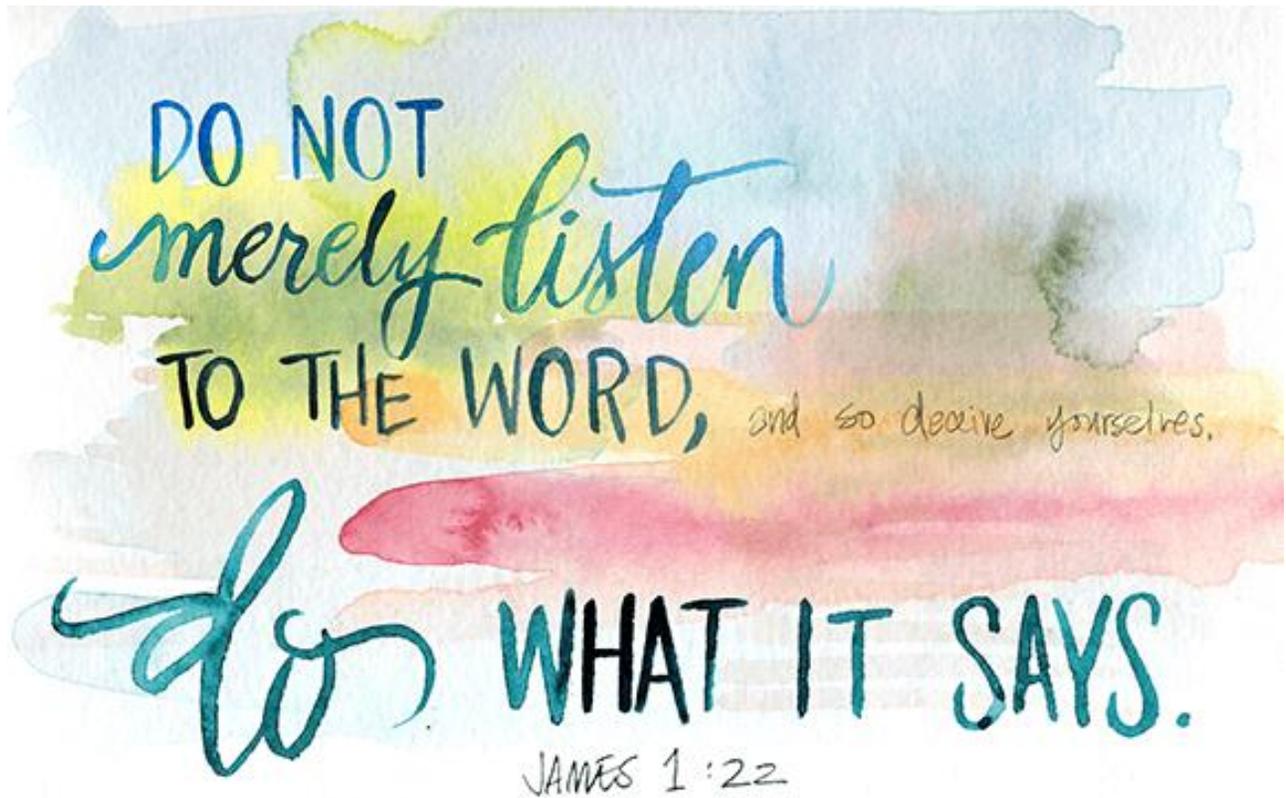




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# COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**August 29, 2021**

**10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price  
Mr. Ron Strong  
Mr. Frankie Bones  
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!**

## **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

### An Opening Prayer

~ by Vienna Cobb Anderson

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of ourselves.

*(continued)*

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors and one more person to love  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
and for your promise to be with us, throughout all of our days.  
**Amen.**

Special Music

Frankie Bones

*Kids are invited to participate in some fun water activities outside.*

## **ENGAGING**

Scripture Reading

James 1:17-27

Pew Bible, NT page 229

Lector: Connie Bottoni

† Hymn of the People

Chalice Hymnal, No. 606

### **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

*The concluding words to this hymn could be a sermon all in themselves! "Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call; healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all." Pretty amazing, yes?*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Sermon

Pastor Steven

Music for Reflection

Frankie Bones

## **RESPONDING**

Offertory Sentence and Blessing

Giving is not a casual act—  
it relates God's work to our work.

*(continued)*

So Gracious Giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives. **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**

#### ***When Love Is Found***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 499

*Please join in singing verses 1-4 only.*

Our scripture passage today talks about love and what love looks like. Both the writer of James and the lyricist of this hymn, Brian Wren, recognize that love looks like service to others.

When love is found and hope comes home,  
sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky,  
praise God and share our Makers joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care  
build both each day, that love may dare  
to reach beyond homes warmth and light  
to serve and strive for truth and right.

*(continued)*

When love is tried as loved-ones change,  
hold still to hope though all seems strange,  
till ease returns and hope grows wise  
through listening ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn and trust betrayed,  
pray strength to love till torments fade,  
till lovers keep no score of wrong,  
but hear through pain loves Easter song.

## 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

Oh God, you are the source of all good things and we say “thank you.”  
We have paused in your presence  
and now hold the remainder of our day before you.  
Still us, calm us, and guide us as we enter into the hours, days and weeks ahead.  
As we go, might we be a reflection of You and of Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

## Postlude

Frankie Bones



### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

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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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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](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. **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.

**FOR THE KIDS ...** Today is our final Summer Sunday. Kids will start out in the sanctuary with parents/grandparents. As soon as the special music is over, the kids will be dismissed to go outdoors with Jen and Sophie Wanck-Kann who will lead them in some water fun activities.

In case of bad weather, kids will go to the Theater Room for Video Sunday 2. For the present, there will be no popcorn or juice served for video Sundays.

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

### 3. **Sunday's Service on Labor Day Weekend – September 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> but tune into ZOOM from the comfort of your own home.**

### 4. **Celebration Sunday – September 12**

Celebration Sunday will begin another (church) year of ministry together! Our theme, "All God's Children" will guide our year as together we integrate racial justice, socio-economic parity, and climate care into all facets of our shared lives.

- Our children will return to Faith Formation activities!
- Our choir will be singing in "real time" with us in the same room.
- AND an extra gift will be the sound of bells by our 3-octave bell choir!

Thanks be to God.

## 5. **SEPTEMBER** – An Exciting Month for CCC

- A. Choir Rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.
- B. Celebration Sunday – See #4 above
- C. **ABUNDANT BLESSINGS – Thursday, September 9** – See #6 below
- D. Book Club – **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** (Schaefer Home). Book - *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Connie Bottoni will lead the discussion. If you'd like to attend, email Kathy at [shaykathryn@gmail.com](mailto:shaykathryn@gmail.com).
- E. **Racial Justice Conversation, Part 2 – Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**What?** CHURCH GETS OUT EARLY SEPTEMBER 19!!

**Why?** Racial Justice Conversation with Taj Smith, part 2!

**When?** Sunday, September 19 at 12:30 pm via ZOOM from the comfort and safety of your own home.

**How?** A ZOOM link will be sent your way so SIGN UP with Sandy Hubbell (Turkielegs@aol.com) if you have not already done so for part 1. If you attended part 1 but cannot do part 2, please let Sandy know that as well.

**Time?** We will go for about two hours with break out rooms for small group conversations.

**THANKS!** The Racial Justice Team of Shawna, Bob, Penny, Dee, Pam and Steven

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### **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers Needed!**

2:30 – 5:30 PM Parking Lot Duty (3 volunteers needed)

2:30 – 5:30 PM Setup & Food Distribution (Many volunteers needed – some lifting required)

5:00 – 6:00 PM Takedown & Cleanup (5 volunteers needed – lifting required!)

Please TEXT or message Ron Herman at 585.313.2459 if you can lend a helping hand (or two!). ALSO, mark on your calendars the following dates for Abundant Blessings (all dates are Thursdays):

**October 14, November 18 and December 16**

## 7. **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, is launching a new 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](mailto:shawnalusk@gmail.com) or 576-5159).

## 8. **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.

## 9. **Best Wishes to Someone Celebrating A Birthday This Week . . .**

**Birthday**

September 4 Diane Giuseppetti

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

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|--------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Today, August 29 <sup>th</sup>       | 11:30 AM | Outdoor Fellowship Time                    |
| Monday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>      | 6:30 PM  | Elders' Meeting – ZOOM                     |
| Tuesday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>     | 10:00 AM | Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)                   |
|                                      | 12:00 PM | Deadline for bulletin announcements        |
|                                      | 4:00 PM  | CSA Produce Distribution – Atrium (til 6p) |
|                                      | 5:00 PM  | Frontier Field Fundraiser                  |
| Wednesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> | 9:00 AM  | The Quilting Gals – FH & K (til 4p)        |
|                                      | 7:00 PM  | Choir Rehearsals Resume – FH               |
| Friday – Monday<br>September 3 – 6   |          | Angola Christian Family Camp               |
| Sunday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 10:30 AM | Worship – ZOOM only.                       |

An Invitation for Chili Churches

**A**s you probably are aware, The International Day of Peace was established in 1982 by the United Nations. It is an opportunity to address cultivating a kinder, gentler community. Especially during these times of division and hardships, it would truly be a blessing if the churches came together as ***One Body in Christ*** (Corinthians 12:12).

Everything must begin with prayer, so please join us for **Prayer in the Park**. Your church's support, encouragement, spiritual gifts and prayers will be deeply appreciated.

May God Bless You,

Ralph & Mary Ann Garofolo

**PRAAYER IN THE PARK  
ONE BODY IN CHRIST**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH,  
1:15-1:45 PM

**3235 CHILI AVENUE**

