



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

September 12, 2021

10:30 AM

The Reverend Steven Price

Pastor

Mr. Ron Strong

Choir Director

Mr. Ron Herman

Bell Choir Director

Mr. Frankie Bones

Church Musician

Mr. Ryan Hubbell

Technical Support

Celebration Sunday!

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

"A Merry Melody"

Cynthia Dobrinski

3-Octave Bell Choir

Call to Worship

"When God Imagined Me"

~ by Tim Graves

One: In the midst of darkness & chaos...

Many: God imagined.

One: In the fury & darkness...

**Many: God imagined a world filled with trees,
and blue skies
and fluffy white clouds.**

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One: In the meadow, God stood and...

Many: imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.

One: In a world of rainstorms and wildlife
and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

Many: God imagined humanity.

One: In a world teeming with billions of people...

Many: God imagined me.

One: God imagined you and God imagined me.
We are created in the image of God.

Many: God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

One: Let us worship with the same imagination as the creating One!

ALL: Amen.

Sharing With Children

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

Anthem

“Alleluia, Praise the Lord!”

Besig / Price

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4 (various verses)
Lectors: Connie Bottoni and Barbara Coe

Pew Bible, OT pages 1-2

† Hymn of the People

Chalice Hymnal, No. 651

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Please join in singing verses 1, 3 and 4.

“May our dreams prove rich with promise” are terrific words to lead us into our new church year. Let us dream dreams of peace on earth, racial equality, and food for all.

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

We have conquered worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through uncharted realms of space;

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probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

Sermon

Pastor Steven

Music for Reflection

Frankie Bones

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Blessing

~ Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much
in light of all you have given to me
and in the face of so much need, O God.

But put together as a congregation,
what we offer you here in love becomes more,
not simply added together,
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

God, we thank you for blessing our gifts
and pray that they indeed be multiplied and shared for there is enough for all. **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 ***All Things Bright and Beautiful*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 61

This terrific, lilting melody puts a spring in our step and a message of hope in our hearts as we prepare to depart from our gathering today. You are bright and beautiful – remember God made us all!

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings. (***Refrain***)

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. (***Refrain***)

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (***Refrain***)

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

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 we always walk gently upon this Earth,
in right relationship with **all God's children**,
and so too with all of creation.
Let us go from this place and into our days honoring all,
mindful of creating a world that is beautiful
and good for those who will come after us. **Amen**

Postlude

Frankie Bones



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders Dee Staley & Jeannie Strong Deacons Connie Bottoni, Susan Dobbins
ZOOM Host Barbara Coe Diane Giuseppetti, Ron Strong
Greeter Fran Morse



Worship during the COVID era has been and is proving to be challenging. We are doing our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. Here are a few things for each one of us to consider:

- ❖ If you feel safer at home, then enjoy worship via ZOOM!
- ❖ If you socialize with a group from church, then please sit together to maximize use of space.
- ❖ If an announcement is made to keep doors in the sanctuary closed for safer air flow, then please close them when you see them open.

Coffee and fellowship hour will take place outside, so please grab a treat and a cup and enjoy one another mask free!

◆ 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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We're Glad You're Here!

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.

1. **General Board Meeting – TODAY, September 12 – 11:45 AM**

All church officers are voting members of the General Board. You are encouraged to attend the meeting in the Fellowship Hall (masks required) or hopefully via ZOOM. This is an opportunity to make your voice heard. The Board Meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.

2. **HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.**

Join Diane Ellis 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.

3. **Book Club Reminder – Our next gathering is on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM at Kathy Schaefer's home. We will discuss the book "Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Connie Bottoni will facilitate our discussion. This group is open to everyone. If you'd like to join them, email Kathy Schaefer at shaykathryn@gmail.com.**

4. **Racial Justice Conversation, Part 2 – Sunday, September 19th**

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

5.



Returns in 2021 – Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 17th

Oktoberfest is coming back after having to take 2020 off. Did you know that Oktoberfest is the 2nd largest fundraiser for our church? In 2019 we raised almost \$5,000 with this one-day event. But it does not happen without everyone in the church helping to make it a success! This year there may be some changes but we will all do our best to make it FUN and profitable for our church.

If you are new to CCC here is what happens. After church on October 17th, we will have our own special Silent Auction Event. This is the fun part, so let's get everyone to start thinking about what you might contribute. It can be anything from baby/pet sitting, a special dinner at your home, game nights, craft
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Oktoberfest continued ...

items or food items. Everyone can participate. This year maybe you would like to contribute a gift card from one of your favorite places. In the past we have had many places make a contribution, but with the economy like it is many places might not be willing to do this. Perhaps people could just purchase a gift card to donate to the event. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

We just want everyone to start thinking about what they would like to donate. If you have questions, talk to Nancy Pollock or Bob Phillips.



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 or 576-5159).

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.

As of August 29th

| 2021 YTD Budgeted Receipts | Plan | Actual | Variance |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Loose/Donations | \$673 | \$1,245 | \$572 |
| New Growth | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Use of Church | \$202 | \$290 | \$88 |
| Interest | \$10 | \$23 | \$13 |
| Misc. & Prior Year | \$0 | \$423 | \$423 |
| Other Envelope Giving | \$0 | \$200 | \$200 |
| Intent To Give Contributions | \$89,551 | \$86,321 | (\$3,230) |
| Fundraising Income | \$4,300 | \$11,810 | \$7,510 |
| Prior Year Surplus | \$9,250 | \$9,250 | \$0 |
| Unpledged Giving | \$2,019 | \$4,835 | \$2,816 |
| Total Budget Receipts | \$106,006 | \$114,396 | \$8,391 |



is **Suicide Prevention Month**. Let us as a congregation pray for and uphold those whose lives are impacted by suicide. Please whisper this prayer from our friend Susan Gabay often during September:

Creator God, we pray for all those who struggle with thoughts of Suicide and for those who fear that a loved one maybe be at risk for Suicide. We pray too that they have the strength and information necessary to act to preserve life. Amen

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week . . .

Birthdays

September 14 Joyce Hunt
 September 15 Sara Hickman-Himes
 September 16 Brandon Phillips
 September 18 Jeannie Strong
 Cindy Cannon
 Abby Greer

Anniversaries

September 14 Butch & Jackie Bettis
 September 17 Cyril Waugh & Dale Hampton
 September 18 Beth & Kevin Fulkerson

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

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| Today, September 12 th | 11:40 AM | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:45 AM | General Board Meeting |
| Monday, September 13 th | 6:30 PM | Girl Scout Leader Training - FH til 9p |
| | 7:00 PM | MOJO Meeting (ZOOM) |
| Tuesday, September 14 th | 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 | Book Club – Schaefer Home |
| Wednesday, September 15 th | 9:00 AM | Quilting Gals – FH til 4p |
| | 7:00 PM | Sr. Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, September 16 th | 7:00 PM | RGMC Rehearsal – FH |
| Friday, September 17 th | 11:00 AM | Red Cross arrives for setup |
| | 12:00 PM | Blood Drive – FH til 5p |
| | 4:00 PM | Frontier Field |
| Saturday, September 18 th | 5:00 PM | Frontier Field |
| Sunday, September 19 th | 10:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 AM | Hybrid Worship – Please wear a mask. |
| | 10:45 (ish) | Children leave for Faith Formation Classes |
| | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Time |
| | 12:30 PM | Racial Justice Training (ZOOM) |



INTERNATIONAL
DAY
OF
PEACE

**Community
Celebration**

Saturday

September 18, noon

3235 Chili Avenue

In front of the Old Chili Town Hall Building

DJ, SPEAKER, FREE FOOD, FACE PAINTING

Bring a chair and enjoy the time together

**Peace &
UNITY in our
Community!**