



FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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

February 19, 2023

10:30 AM

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

Pastor
Choir Director
Church Musician
Technical Support

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Venya Blokh

† Call to Worship

~ by Kenneth C. Wells, edits smp

One: Every morning we climb from our slumber
and head into our closets to begin the transformation –

Many: sometimes stockings and heels or jeans and jacket.

One: We hide our bodies in the fabric of this world and sometimes

Many: we hide ourselves behind white lies and clenched smiles.

One: We "make nice" and we "get by" and at the end of the day,

Many: On this Sunday, we come here to you, O God.

One: We cast our cares upon you.

Many: We share our burdens with each other

One: and gradually strip away our calloused, outer selves.

Many: We know that you see through our dim disguises, so

We lay our hearts and souls before You.

One: Might we experience your presence here.

In the silence, and in the voices roaring in our ears...

(continued)

**Many: Might your presence waft over us like a warm breeze,
and your love transform us.**

One: Might we somehow be changed, in our hearts and in our actions.

ALL: Amen.

† Opening Hymn ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 4
Please join us in singing verses 1, 3 and 4 only.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Sharing With Children

Anthem

“Sanctus”
Laura Schunk, flute

David Lantz

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Lesson

Exodus 24:12, 15-18

Lector: Jen Kann

Pew Bible, OT page 70

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible, NT pages 18-19

Sermon

The Reverend Steven Price

Music for Reflection

Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offering Sentence as Prayer

~ written by Gill LeFavre

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.)

* *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 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

God of Abraham and Sarah

words on page 5

Sung to the hymn tune "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we recall our forebearers – both male and female – like
Abraham, Sarah, Moses and Mariam, all important players in God's dealings with humankind.
There are also some terrific phrases within this newer hymn that I didn't want us to miss:

*God who dances in creation, spinning stars above our heads;
God whose face is scribed in music, by whose hand the earth is fed!*

God of Abraham and Sarah

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Moses, Miriam's Guide;
God of David and the prophets, God in Jesus glorified;
Up from the dust you raise a people, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
Down through the years the people praise you till alleluias make them whole!

God who dances in creation, spinning stars above our heads;
God whose face is scribed in music, by whose hand the earth is fed;
Up from the ground you raise the mountains, raise our spirits, lift our eyes;
Down through the years your people praise you till alleluias flood the skies!

God who loves the poor in spirit, God who comforts those who mourn;
Balm for wounds, the friend of sinners, taking the side of earth's forlorn;
Up from the depths you raise your people, giving them courage for the day;
Down through the years the people praise you till alleluias light their way!

† Benediction

~ by Joanna Harader

In the coming week,
may you experience the presence of God.
May the holy cloud comfort you.
May the divine voice encourage you.
May the power of the Spirit transform you.
May that same Spirit transform us,
and transform our world. **Amen.**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements)

(See pages 6-8)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)*

Venya Blokh



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders	Patti Ayers and Fred Brown	Deacons	Karen Destino
ZOOM Host	Barbara Coe	Greeter	All God's People!
ZOOM Elder	Pam Bakst		



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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.

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.

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.

Community Memorial Service – Today, February 19 at 2:00 PM

The Greater Rochester Community of Churches, of which we are a part, hold an annual worship service memorializing and honoring those who have died without family or resources to hold a service. This service is an extension of the graveside services a number of us participate in throughout the year. If interested, then come along. For more information ~ (585) 254-2570 or grcc1@frontiernet.net.



February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. From that day until Easter we will be into the 40 days of Lent.

What is Lent?

- It is forty days of stripping down to the living essentials;
- It is forty days of facing truth about one's self-indulgent evasions;
- It is forty days of fellowshiping with Christ in the desert;
- It is forty days of rejoicing in God's mercy and forgiveness.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 22 at 6:15 PM in the Atrium.

We will have a simple service of word, prayer and imposition of ashes.

People who worship from home will now be able to participate in the same service at 6:15 PM as it will be offered via the ZOOM platform. A link will be sent on Tuesday, February 21.



PROPHECY THEN, PROPHECY NOW!

During Lent we often set time aside, time to learn about a subject like St. Paul, or racial justice, or forgiveness. This year we will listen to a lecture series that I think is less about education and more about INSPIRATION. The topic is Prophecy - and I realized while listening to the series that I wasn't necessarily learning about historical prophets BUT I was hearing prophets speak in real time... and IT IS HARD TO LISTEN TO A PROPHET and not be inspired and/or moved into action. Sister Joan Chittister and Fr. Richard Rohr spoke to an assembled group in 2006 about



**RSVP
by
2/26/23**

contemplation, action and prophecy and their presentations were recorded over the course of about 6 hours.

Contact me between now and **February 26** if you would like to hear the first 23 minutes of a prophet giving a lecture AND THEN decide if you would like to hear more either alone - or with a group.

I'll send you a lecture to listen to as a download, then get back to me if you want more.

Thank you,
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Thursday, February 23rd – Volunteers Needed!

Unpacking/distribution volunteers needed from 1 – 4 PM.
Food Distribution taking place between 2 and 4 PM. With an adequate number of volunteers, we're usually done by 4 PM which is AWESOME!

Please TEXT or message Pastor Steven at 585.733.7121 if you can lend a helping hand (or two!). ALSO, mark on your calendars the next date for Abundant Blessings:
Thursday, March 23.

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

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.

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

- Susan Petersen
- Cait McNaney
- Scot Graham-Raad
- Gary Raycroft
- John & Claudia Giffen
(Anniversary)



- February 19
- February 24
- February 24
- February 25
- February 25

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Today, February 19 th	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time – Join us for light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.
	11:40 AM	MOJO Meeting – Theater Room
Monday, February 20 th		<i>Presidents' Day</i>
Tuesday, February 21 st	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
	5:00 PM	Property Meeting – Theater Room
Wednesday, February 22 nd	6:15 PM	Ash Wednesday Service – Atrium and ZOOM
	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, February 23 ^d	12:00 PM	AB Setup
	2:00 PM	Abundant Blessings Food Distribution
	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
Saturday, February 25 th	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH 'til noon
Sunday, February 26 th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – masks optional
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and sustainable development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. For nearly 80 years, Week of Compassion has pursued its mission, working with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

Hope and transformation, alleviation and relief— things that have been sorely lacking in our nations and world these last few years. Our neighbors, our churches, our families, our own individual spirits, still carry the fatigue of a global pandemic that saw millions of deaths and continues to be of wearying concern. International conflicts and a global climate crisis seem too huge to grasp and leave us feeling helpless, while local communities sag under the strain of bitter politics, pervasive violence, and economic challenge.

In the midst of all this? Week of Compassion says '**RISE UP ANEW**'?! HOW?!

When unseasonable winter tornadoes struck western Kentucky, relief funds came immediately and volunteers would later follow, preparing for the long-term recovery. Less than a year later, when torrential downpours brought devastating flooding to already hard-hit eastern Kentucky and Missouri, a special gift quickly arrived - from a church who had received tornado assistance and volunteers just months before. Whether in domestic disaster response in familiar communities, refugee response in the aftermath of wars, or ecumenical partnership that supports shelter, food, education, and livelihoods - Week of Compassion is witness to the truth that God's mercies **RISE UP ANEW** each day.

The Week of Compassion Offering will be collected the rest of the month of February. Donations may be made by writing a check to the church clearly marked "Week of Compassion." **Give as you are blessed – give generously!**