

THIRD
SUNDAY



IN
LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

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

March 12, 2023

10:30 AM

The Reverend Steven Price
Mr. Ron Strong
Mr. Veniamin Blokh
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!

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 bound-less 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

arr. Veniamin Blokh

† Call to Worship (inspired by John 4:5-42)

led by Beth Fulkerson

Our call to worship reminds us of the gift of clean water and the refreshing lessons and experiences we can find in our life with Jesus the Christ.

One: Turn the tap and water comes out.

Many: Clean, refreshing water quenches our thirst.

One: Stop at the market, twist open the cap.

**Many: Spring water crosses our lips
and our craving is satisfied.**

One: Step outdoors. Look up.

**Many: The clouds dampen our faces
and nourish the earth.**

One: Jesus said,

"The water that I give will become in those who drink it
a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

Many: Ah, that we would drink of this water and never be thirsty again!

One: We trust in the one who turns our thinking and our world upside down.

Many: Let us gather today, and experience the God whose love knows no bounds.

† Confession

One: God of mercy, hear our prayers:

For every time we have attributed your miracles to the work of our hands,

Many: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

Many: Show us what it means to love.

One: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering round us,

**Many: Forgive us, O God and remake us into vessels of tenderness and
compassion.**

ALL: For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

† Opening Hymn

Chalice Hymnal, No. 365

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

We sang this hymn on March 15, 2020, the last Sunday we worshipped together before shutting down our building because of COVID 19. Do we remember when "washing our hands" was thought to be a route of COVID transmission?

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares.
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Sharing With Children

led by Jen Michels

Anthem

"We Are Not Alone"

Pepper Choplin

Katiclaire Dobbins, solo

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-41
various verses

Lector: Barbara Coe

Sermon

The Reverend Steven Price

Music for Reflection

Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offering Sentence as Prayer

~ written by Katherine Hawker, edits smp
led by Jeannie Strong

† Song of Praise

Doxology

Chalice Hymnal, No. 46

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

led by Don Lyke

Hear now our community prayers.

read by Jen Kann

After request... God in your goodness, grace or mercy... **People: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us sing together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

Sung Lord's Prayer

Composer: Veniamin Blokh, 2022

*For those who would like to sing from the printed music,
you can find this arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer" on page 5.*

Our Father 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory forever, and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Veniamin Blokh

Andante

(piano intro)

The first line of music is a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked 'Andante'. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. A long slur covers the entire line.

5

Our Father, in heaven, ha - llo - wed be Thy Name. Thy

The second line of music starts at measure 5. It continues the melody from the piano intro. The lyrics are: 'Our Father, in heaven, ha - llo - wed be Thy Name. Thy'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

10

King - dom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in hea - ven.

The third line of music starts at measure 10. The lyrics are: 'King - dom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in hea - ven.'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

14

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us o - ur

The fourth line of music starts at measure 14. The lyrics are: 'Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us o - ur'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

19

sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The fifth line of music starts at measure 19. The lyrics are: 'sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

24

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from

The sixth line of music starts at measure 24. The lyrics are: 'Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

30

e - vil. For Thine is the king - dom, the power, and the

The seventh line of music starts at measure 30. The lyrics are: 'e - vil. For Thine is the king - dom, the power, and the'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

35

glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

The eighth line of music starts at measure 35. The lyrics are: 'glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and B3.

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn ***Peace I Leave With You, My Friends***
Please sing twice.

With these beautiful words and gentle melody, let this be our closing hymn.

Peace I leave with you, my friends,
shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

† Benediction

led by Patti Ayers

Depart from this time of worship sisters and brothers,
restored by the Word,
refreshed by the living water,
and moved by the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements)

(See pages 7-10)

Postlude (*Please remain seated.*)

Venya Blokh



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders Jeannie Strong and Don Lyke Deacons Denton Brown, Ron Herman
ZOOM Host Barbara Coe
ZOOM Elder Pam Bakst Greeters..... All God's People!



◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

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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.

Creation Care Challenge: Greening God's Good Earth for Lent



Each week during Lent 2023, our congregation will be challenged to "turn over a new leaf" to care for God's Creation. When you pick up your bulletin at the welcome table, you can also grab a green leaf. Please write on the leaf the action that you took to help green God's good Earth the previous week, and then place it in the basket in front of the communion servers during communion. Be sure to help your children and grandchildren participate too! Members of our Creation Care team will add these leaves to our Creation Care tree in front of the sanctuary throughout Lent.

General Board Meeting – TODAY, March 12th in person, right after worship.

All church officers are voting members of the General Board and encouraged to attend the meeting to make your voice heard. The meetings are open; all are welcome to attend.

Also ... It is "Souper Soup Sunday" – a fundraiser we do during the Board Meetings. Join us in Fellowship Hall after church to enjoy some wonderful soup made by volunteers of the congregation. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1 for kids, free for kids under 5. Visitors are also welcome to join us as our guests.

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

At our March 14 gathering we'll discuss the book, IN FIVE YEARS by Rebecca Serle. 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.

Photons are cheap! Find Out More – Monday, March 20 at 7 PM via ZOOM

Would you like to save 10% on your energy bill?

Would you like to care for CREATION at the same time?

Then consider signing up with Ampion community solar to access locally-produced, money saving solar energy! No special equipment is required. You pay them less than RGE's rates to generate solar power for your home.

We will have an informational ZOOM meeting with an Ampion representative on Monday, March 20 at 7 PM. Watch for a ZOOM link coming your way.

OH YEAH! Did we tell you there is a \$100 incentive reward for signing up with Ampion? More to come!

Your Creation Care Team (Dee, Dave, Dan, Jen and Steven)

Back By Popular Demand – CCC’s world famous BON FIRE! Thursday, March 23rd



Yes, join us at 6:30 PM for a warm, toasty Bon Fire complete with cocoa (otherwise known as hot chocolate). You might find some singing or dancing, some conversating with fellow church friends (both old and new) and some good ‘ol fashioned merry making. So come on out – all ages are welcome to join in on the FUN! If you feel like you might get a case of “the munchies,” bring along a snack to share. Depending on how much you like to stand, or not, you might want to bring along a lawn chair or two or maybe even a blanket to wrap up in. Hope to see you there. Questions? See Ron Herman or Pastor Steven.

Innovation Field Kick Off – Sunday, April 2nd After Church

Many of our newer folks might not be aware of our fundraiser in conjunction with the Rochester Red Wings. For quite a few years now we have worked at Frontier Field (now Innovation Field) throughout the spring and summer. We run registers, we pour beer, we take money and give change, we gather food, we smile and we connect with our Rochester community. Fifty or so of our CCCers have participated in this wonderful (ad)venture. This past season we earned \$21,000 for the church for which we can all be proud!

On Sunday, April 2nd, Patti Ayers will be hosting an Innovation Field luncheon right after church. Folks can come and learn about what we do, hear a few fun stories, and share some tips. Our meal won’t be fancy – ballpark foods with hot dogs, chips, soda and ice cream! But in order to have enough food we need to have you signup if attending. You must be 16 to work at the park, but all family members are invited to the luncheon... Patti just needs to know numbers. There is a sign-up sheet posted today. We hope you can join us.

Creation Care Corner!

Visit your bulletin every week throughout Lent to see how you can better care for creation! We will provide suggestions to help all of us do our best - kids included! Then look for green leaves at our Welcome Table in the Atrium to share your successes.



1. Save energy and add some beneficial humidity to your house by air-drying your laundry!
2. The average person spends 87% of their time indoors and another 6% of their time inside a vehicle – that’s 93% of our time! Consider adopting a new spiritual practice that makes you more attuned to God’s creation.
3. Watch the “Story of Stuff” online video at www.storyofstuff.org. An absolute must see!
4. Move your deposits and investments away from fossil fuels. ColorBrightonGreen hosts Michael Richardson from the Rivers and Mountains GreenFaith Circle. Thursday, March 16, 6:30 PM at Brighton Memorial Library or register for the ZOOM link: 784-5300 or bmicurbsidepickup@gmail.com.



(Formerly Easter Blessings for Loved Ones)

Our **Annual Blessings Fund** has been in existence for well over 50 years. So many people wished to remember their loved ones by purchasing Easter Lilies that our sanctuary overflowed. Eventually the church purchased the Easter Lilies while people donated money for a special project in lieu of flowers, and our **Annual Blessings Fund** was established.

Over the years we've been able to purchase many beautiful and useful items for our church, such as hymnals, carpeting, tables and chairs, improving our sound/media system, and Fellowship Hall upgrades.

The General Board has approved the recommendation of the Memorials Department that the 2023 Annual Blessings Fund will go toward updating our seasonal floral arrangements for the sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday a **special bulletin insert** will list the names of donors and the person(s) being honored. We suggest you might like to honor or remember loved ones, friends and relatives who are living or have passed away. Folks celebrating special occasions/anniversaries is another possibility or anyone who just wishes to make a contribution will have their names listed.

Claudia Giffen and Carol Giblin are coordinating this effort. Claudia will be monitoring previous donors and sending out reminder notes. Carol will be creating the bulletin insert. Contributions may be sent through your bank, the Tithe.ly app, or sent to:

ATTN: Financial Secretary
Community Christian Church
2647 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624

ALL contributions must be **CLEARLY MARKED, "Annual Blessings Fund."** **If you regularly give through the Tithe.ly app, choose the "Annual Blessings" Giving Type. If giving through a bank, be sure to inform the Financial Secretary (Kate Bissinger) of your Annual Blessings donation.** She can be reached at 585-953-1289 or by email at finsecty.ccc@gmail.com.

Entry information may be sent to Carol by text at 585-259-7036; emailed to cwgiblin@gmail.com OR Claudia by telephone at 585-889-2290; emailed to claudiagiffen22571@gmail.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANNUAL BLESSINGS FUND IS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2.



EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9th – 9:00 AM



Enjoy a delicious hot Easter breakfast and share some relaxed fellowship time with your church family. Advance tickets for the breakfast are on sale after church in Fellowship Hall. There's a sheet at the ticket table for you to indicate what item you'd like to share to complement our breakfast.

Ticket Prices: \$6/Adult
\$3/Child (10 and under)
Babies Free (2 and under);
\$15 max/immediate family

Final day to purchase tickets is Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Questions? See Patti Ayers or Wende McNaney.

