



And they
worshiped him
and

returned
to Jerusalem
with great
joy, and were
continually
in the temple
blessing God.

Luke 24:52-53, ESV

MAY 21, 2023

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

May 21, 2023

10:30 AM

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

Pastor
Choir Director
Church Musician
Technical Support

Ascension 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 (concepts from Genesis 1)

~ written by Tim Graves, edits smp

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 white clouds.**

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,
wrapped in our multi-colored skin,
and beautifully diverse.**

(continued)

One: In a world teeming with billions of people...(let's look around after reading the next lines...)

**Many: God imagined me
And God imagined you, friend.**

One: Since we are created in the image of God, let us worship with the same imagination as the creating One!

† Opening Hymn ***Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 335

Please join us in singing verses 1, 2 and 4.

PIANO SIDE:

Creating God, your fingers trace,
The bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light
And what lies hidden praise your might.

PULPIT SIDE:

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
Earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
Let water's fragile blend with air,
Enabling life, proclaim your care.

ALL:

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
One fam'ly with a billion names;
Let every life be touched by grace
Until we praise you face to face.

Sharing With Children

Anthem *"We Will Share Your Love, O Lord!"* Don Besig / Nancy Price

Bell Ringers: Landon Ayers, Jane Greer, Dan Robillard, Jeannie Strong and Violet Wanck-Kann

Trumpet Player: Jen Kann

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible, NT page 91

Lector: Jen Kann

Sermon

The Reverend Steven Price

Special Music

"You've Got A Friend"

Carole King

Performed by Danny and Katie Claire Dobbins

We said it in the Call to Worship, God made me and you, friend.

Now we get to hear similar sentiments in song.

RESPONDING

Offering Sentence as Prayer

~ written by Gil Le Fevre

Your offering can happen in a variety of ways: the collection plate in the narthex,
giving through your bank, using the tithely app,
and giving on our cccopentoall.org webpage. We are grateful.

† 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.*



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 *The Trees of the Field*

A fun and frolicking song that sends us out into the world with JOY!

(X = clap)

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap X will X clap X their X hands XXXX

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands XX
The trees of the field will clap their hands XX
The trees of the field will clap their hands XX
While you X go X out X with X joy XXXX

† Benediction

May the blessings of God warm you like the sun.
May the love of Christ wash over you like a gentle rain.
May the joy of the Spirit raise you to new heights like an eagle soaring.
And remember, you are, we all are, a part of God's blessing to the world. **Amen**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements)

(See pages 6-7)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)*

Venya Blokh



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders	Beth Fulkerson, Kathy Schaefer	Deacons	Lucretia Ackley
ZOOM Host	Barbara Coe		Sophie Wanck-Kann
ZOOM Elder	Pam Bakst	Greeter	Jess Ayers





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.

Book Club – Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM

At our May 23 gathering we'll discuss the book, HORSE. Dee Staley will facilitate our discussions.

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.

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Thursday, May 25th – 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, June 22.

2023 Menstrual Product Drive

The MOJO Menstrual Mission was founded in 2022 to collect and distribute menstrual products to menstruating people in the Rochester community who have difficulty accessing products like pads or tampons.

Donations can be dropped off in the narthex. Not sure what to buy? There is a QR code attached to the box that directs users to an Amazon wish list! Please call (585-490-8079) or email Sarah Engel (snengel1@gmail.com) for more information.

Join the Kirby CSA – 23 weeks of Fresh Produce (Community Supported Agriculture)

It is once again time to consider signing up for our annual Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) collaboration with Kirby's Farm Markets! Every Tuesday from mid-June to mid-November our church serves as a distribution site for Kirby's amazing array of produce. We have up to 55 families coming and going, sharing recipes, petting dogs, emptying compost bins and more from 4 – 6 PM 5 months of the year. This isn't a free service, but a financial investment in a local farm and an investment in our own health. If this sounds like a good fit for you and your family, find out more at the Kirby website at kirbysfm.com.

~ Your CCC CSA Coordinators, Pastor Steven and Jen Kann

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



May 21 - Eden Akins
 May 22 - Jim Hathaway
 May 24 - Beth & Dean Akins (Anniversary)
 May 25 - Kate & Erik Bissinger (Anniversary), Katy Mast
 May 26 - Jason Schunk

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Today, May 21 st	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time – Join us for light refreshments in Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 22 nd	6:30 PM	Elders' Meeting – FH
Tuesday, May 23 rd	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
	7:00 PM	Book Club – Kathy Schaefer's home
Wednesday, May 24 th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals – FH & K 'til 4p
	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, May 25 th	12:00 PM	Abundant Blessings Setup
	2:00 PM	Abundant Blessings Food Distribution
	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
Sunday, May 28 th		Memorial Day Weekend
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Wearing a mask is optional
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time

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