



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Justice and Love

- Luke 11:42 NLT -

MAY 7, 2023

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

May 7, 2023

10:30 AM

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

Pastor
Choir Director
Church Musician
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Autism Awareness Sunday – Part 2!



The autism infinity symbol is a popular symbol among autistic people and autism rights advocates, symbolizing a broad and varied spectrum of experiences.

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 (Inspired by Psalm 23)

~ by Joanna Harader

At the conclusion of our call to worship, let's pause for a brief time of silence and centering.

One: In the darkest valley,

Many: at the banquet table;

One: in the hard work of life,

Many: at the moments of ease;

One: in our day-to-day reality,

Many: at times set aside—

One: like this time, now—

Many: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

One: with every step we take:

(continued)

Many: goodness and mercy follow us;

ALL: *our cups overflow.*

*Let us pause for a few moments and consider how we have known
goodness and mercy and express our gratitude in silence.*

† Opening Hymn ***There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 73

Please join us in singing verses 1, 2 and 3 only.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Sharing With Children

~ book read by Connie Bottoni

Anthem

"The Lord Will Be My Shepherd"

Don Besig / Nancy Price

Ron Herman, soloist

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:37-42a

~ from *The Voice Bible*

Lector: Pastor Steven

Compassionate Community Conversation

with

Patrick Staley and His Mom, Dee Staley

Hymn for Reflection

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

(continued)

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For those we neglect, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for those we neglect, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

RESPONDING

Offering Sentence as Prayer

~ written by Gil Le Fevre

† 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

We Are Not Our Own

Chalice Hymnal, No. 689

This seemed a good fit, not only for our creation care theme, but also for acknowledging how family and friends shape and show us who we are.

We are not our own, Earth forms us,
Human leaves on nature's growing vine,
Fruit of many generations,
Seeds of life divine.

We are not alone, Earth names us;
Past and present, peoples near and far,
Family and friends and strangers
Show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us,
Dying, living, love is fully known,
And in bread and wine reminds us,
We are not our own.

Therefore, let us make thanksgiving,
And with justice, willing and aware,
Give to earth, and all things living,
Liturgies of care.

† Benediction

~ by Bruce Prewer, edits smp

Step out into the world in humble confidence:
there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen,
and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you,
preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

(continued)

Pondering the gift of this relationship...
May the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding,
Go with you into the mysterious and blessed week ahead. **Amen**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements)

(See pages 7-8)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)*

Venya Blokh



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders	Beth Fulkerson, Kathy Schaefer	Deacons	Denton Brown, Ron Herman
ZOOM Host	Barbara Coe		
ZOOM Elder	Pam Bakst	Greeters	Denton Brown



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.

◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

READY TO SERVE: *The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor*
Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

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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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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.

General Board Meeting – Today Following Church

Join Board Chair Dee Staley and the other elected officers of the church for the May meeting of the General Board today at around 11:45 AM. This is also "Souper Soup Sunday" – a fundraiser we do each month 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. Board meetings are open to the entire congregation.

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.

Pavilion Brainstorming Meeting – Tuesday, May 9th – 7 PM at Church

For quite a while now some folks in the church have thought about the possibility of constructing a handicap accessible pavilion on church grounds which could serve many purposes: outdoor services, a shaded area for the children to use for summer classes, Abundant Blessings, picnics, CSA distribution site and the list goes on. There will be an open meeting on the above date to gather interested folks together to brainstorm, share thoughts, ideas and dreams. Contact Ron Herman if you have any questions; otherwise, just show up at the meeting should you have an interest.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the 2023 Annual Blessings Fund. The total amount collected was \$2,258.70!

With Gratitude,

Claudia Giffen and Carol Giblin

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 This Week ...

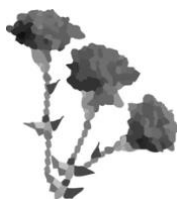


May 7 - Laura Schunk
 May 8 - Jim Taylor, Norma Polizzi
 May 9 - Jake McGowan
 May 10 - Joanne Underwood
 May 12 - Andy Freedman
 May 13 - Erin Mast, Jennie Gibson

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

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	11:45 AM	General Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 9 th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
	7:00 PM	Pavilion Brainstorming Meeting – FH
Wednesday, May 10 th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals (FH & K 'til 4p)
	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, May 11 th	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
Sunday, May 14 th		Happy Mother's Day!
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Wearing a mask is optional.
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Time

The Birth of Mother's Day



Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

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