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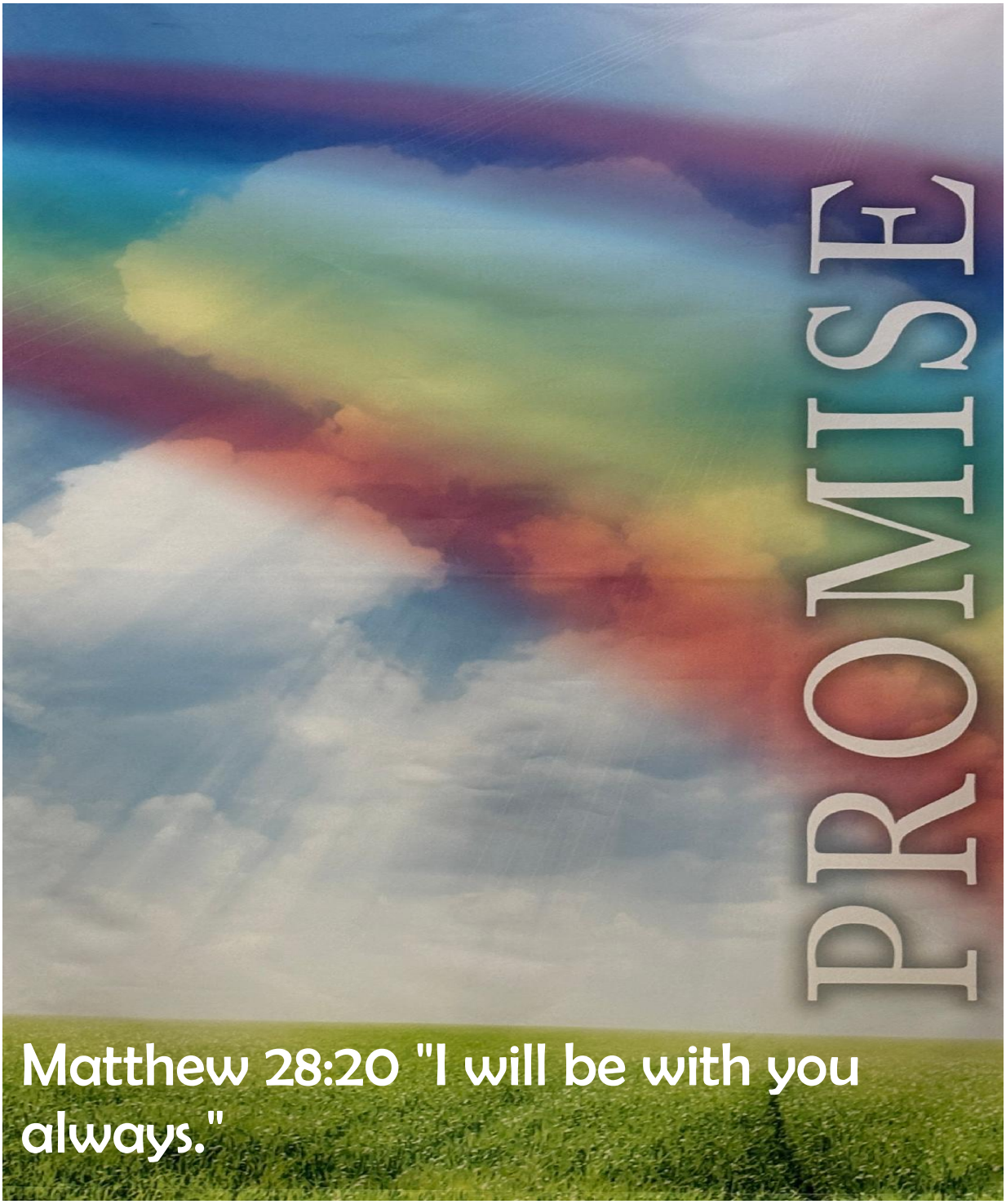

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(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

September 13, 2026 **10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price	Pastor
Mr. Veniamin Blokh	Church Musician
Ms. Ron Strong	Senior Choir Director
Mr. Ryan Hubbell	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 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 – Responsive

One: For all who have a special calling to education wherever it happens: teachers, assistants, librarians, administrators, health educators too…

Many: God bless and empower all those who educate and inspire.

One: For all who educate and care for children in families: moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster-parents, and step-parents…

Many: God bless you as you help build healthy families where children are nurtured and loved.

One: "It takes a village to raise a child." So, members of local communities – in churches, in rehab centers, in community centers, on streets, and on buses…

Many: God bless all who build communities where families are supported, and old and young are safe, valued and nurtured.

(continued)

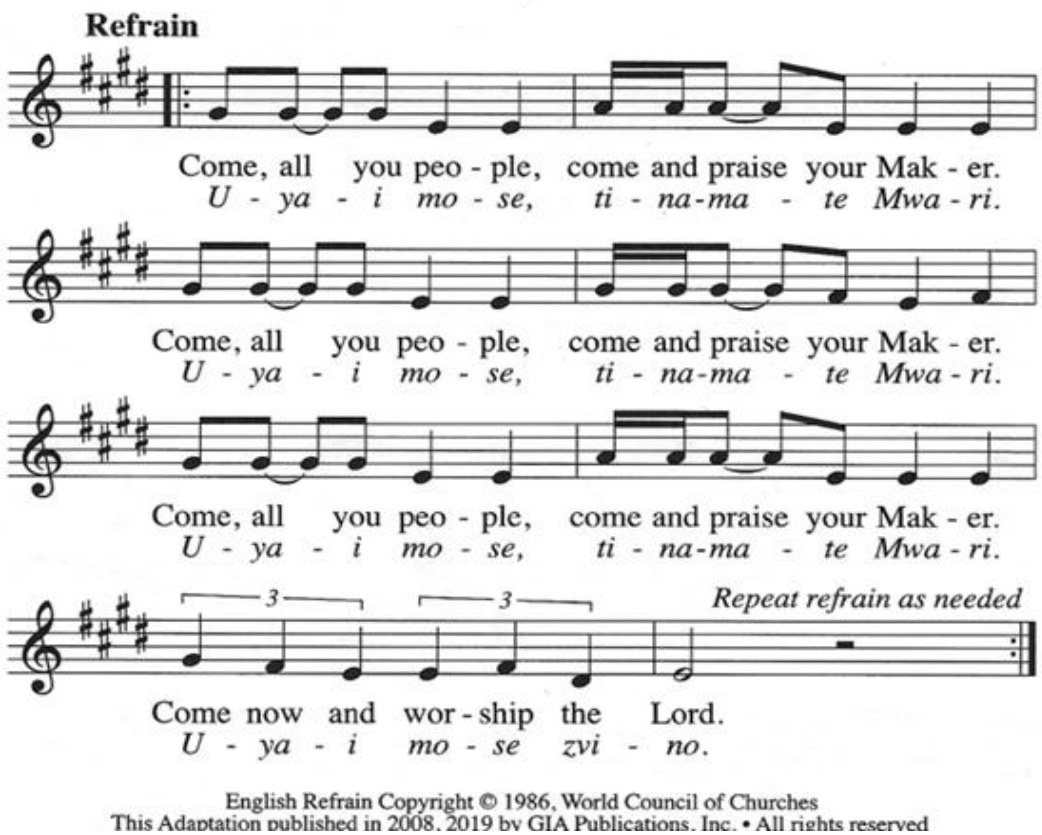
One: Learners of all ages, remember that learning is a lifelong journey that includes us all!

Many: God bless us, God help us be open to learning new things.

One: God bless all who nurture curiosity and thirsting for knowledge and wisdom. **Amen**

† Song of Gathering ***Come All You People*** Insert

Today we'll sing this hymn's refrain, which is from Zimbabwe and perhaps we'll learn the original language - Shona.



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Intergenerational Time

Anthem *"A New and Glorious Song"* Don Besig and Nancy Price

Lyrics on pg 9.

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading based on Genesis 9:8-17 OT pg. 7

Lector: Carolyn Inglis

Sermon Steven Price

Music for Reflection Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

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.

Offertory Prayer

† 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.)

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 **double file** to receive a piece of gluten-free bread from the pastor and a cup of grape juice from one of the elders, returning to your seats by the outer aisle.*
***NOTE:** Should you feel unable to come forward, then please ask a neighbor to bring you back a cup and cube of bread, both will be blessed, as will your neighbor who is able to share this sacred meal with you.*

Our Community at Prayer

Hear now our community prayers and those of the world…

After request…

Leader says: God in your goodness or grace or mercy,
People respond: Hear our Prayer.

Let us now 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 ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 433

We began worship with a new song, let's end with a beloved old one.

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

† Benediction Ruth Bowen edits/smp

Creator God,
As the leaves begin to change color and fall,
As coolness replaces the warmth of summer…
We thank you for all that has gone on before
and for lessons learned along the way.
We thank you for the changing of seasons,
and for the change of tempo in our days.
As we leave this time and space where we have worshipped,
remind us again to slow down, to reflect,
and to worship you during all our days. **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.

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders ..... Bill Kelly and Dee Staley
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe
ZOOM Room Elder ..... Pam Bakst
Deacons ..... Amy & Dan Greer
Greeter ..... The Greer Family

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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.

Coffee Fellowship is provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Enrich your life and strengthen our fellowship by introducing yourself to someone you don't know. Refreshments are needed on an on-going basis. See Wende McNaney if you'd like to offer to help.

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.

National Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness, share hope, and remind our communities that suicide can be prevented.
While raising awareness is essential, meaningful change also requires action. Suicide Prevention Month is an opportunity to lend your voice to efforts that strengthen prevention, expand access to care, and build a future where suicide is preventable.
Take a look at websites like these to learn more:

AFSP.org is a very good national organization.
IASP.info is an international agency.
SPRC.org has user-friendly resources.

While the date is just behind us, September 8 has significance in suicide prevention efforts.
988 Day is dedicated to promoting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and connecting more people to lifesaving crisis support. Remember that number - it can save a life - just dial 988 on your phone.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in a Bible Study this fall?
I've been looking at Rachel Held Evans' book, "Inspired" and thought it might be a good way to engage with scripture, stories, faith, history, etc. We can also get her book used for a good number of us, which will keep costs lower.
Depending on who is interested, that would shape when and how to meet. Right now, I have most Monday evenings open AND would welcome shared leadership.
Let me know via text or email by Sept. 27.
Thank you, Steven (585) 733-7121

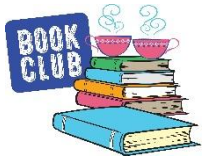
Coldwater Women & Children's Home - Linens collection

The Coldwater Women & Children's Home is part of the Open Door Mission. This home, nearby on Coldwater Road, is a transitional housing program for women and their children. Let's help these folks in a vulnerable situation by welcoming them with fluffy towels and pillows, as well as crisp sheets and comforters.

The items needed are washcloths, bath towels, hand towels, twin size sheets, twin size comforters, and bed pillows. Items must be new. Color and pattern are up to you! The collection will run for six(6) Sundays: September 13 – October 18.

Questions? Please contact our Ministry of Justice and Outreach committee at deirdrestaley2@gmail.com.

September Book Club



Join us for the September meeting of the Book Club on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm at Kathy Schaefer's home (508 Panorama Trail). The book is "The Let Them Theory" by Mel Robbins. It's a very interesting book - so find a copy & come & discuss!

ABLESSINGS UNDANT

Thursday, September 24th – Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed from 12:30 – 4 PM with 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, October 22nd**

Belated Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept	5	Marie Gibson
Sept	6	Wanda Wakefield
Sept	7	James Miller
		Gail Tregea
		Kara Williamson
Sept	10	Alex Kuehl

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating This Week

Birthdays

Sept	14	Jackie Bettis
		Joyce Hunt
Sept	15	Sara Hickman-Himes
Sept	16	Brandon Phillips
Sept	17	
Sept	18	Cindy Cannon
		Abby Greer
		Jeannie Strong
Sept	19	Venya Blokh
		Devin Cannon

Anniversaries

Kara & Logan Williamson
Cyril Waugh & Dale Hampton
Beth & Kevin Fulkerson

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday, September 13th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:00 PM	Board Meeting
Monday, September 14th	10:00 AM	Fiber Friends – Church office
	6:30 PM	Girl Scout Leader Training – FH
Tuesday, September 15th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Kirby Farms CSA Pick Up
	10:00 PM	Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Wednesday, Sept 16th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals FH til 4:30pm
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 19th	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH til Noon
Sunday. September 20th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time

◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

READY TO SERVE: ***The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor***

Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

Ryan Hubbell, Office Administrator

Ryan can be reached at penzfann@aol.com or if you need immediate assistance, call him at 617-4009 and leave a message.

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A New and Glorious Song!

Lift up your voice; let all of God's people rejoice.
Let the music resound clear and strong.

Sing out with praise; let all of our voices be raised.
Let the world hear a new and glorious song.

Sing out with joy and proclaim God's glory.
Sing out with, let the truth be heard.

Sing out with joy as we tell the story revealed in the power if God's word.

Come now and sing; let voices and instruments ring.
Let them echo through heaven above.

Sing out a song, a new and glorious song and rejoice in the wonder of God's love.

We join together in fellowship, with friends and fam'ly in this place;
our mission to serve, our vision to share the promise of God's redeeming grace.

But if we truly want to serve the Lord,
we must go forth beyond these walls with unfailing faith,
with hope in out hearts and with love, God's greatest gift of all.

Go out with joy and proclaim God's glory.
Go out with joy. Let the truth be heard.
Go out with joy as we tell the story revealed in the power of God's word.

Go forth and sing; let the voices and instruments ring.
Let them echo through heaven above.

Sing out a song, a new and glorious song and rejoice, rejoice in God's love!

Celebration!